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Comment of the day

Hongkong's bad manners

REGARDING the criticism in a recent edition of the Mainichi Times of Tokyo, in which Hongkong is taken to task for a rapid deterioration of manners, the writer is merely echoing an admonishment this paper delivered to our stores and hotels almost a year ago. The China Mail took occasion to take the lesson a step further, and to show that rudeness from behind the counter meant less money in the cash till at the end of the day.

A spokesman for the Hongkong Tourist Association, according to a contemporary, feels that the criticism of our stores is not as justified as the writer in the Mainichi would have it. The China Mail would state that the Mainichi Times has not gone far enough, and that rudeness to potential customers in our stores is fast becoming not the exception, but the rule.

NOR, unfortunately, is this rudeness to be found in the smaller stores in the immediate vicinity of the tourists' hotels, but to be found in our larger stores which make some claim to service and courtesy. Far from holding to the slogan that the customer is always right, common sense would claim that the customer is frequently wrong; but to snub a customer, or to otherwise embarrass him publicly is unwarranted rudeness.

The real trouble is this: the Colony has expanded too quickly and the service to customers policy is not up to standard. The salespeople are untrained, and in the main, receive no inducement to be good salesmen even if they knew how. Barely do they receive commission on sales, so that it is a matter of sheer indifference whether a customer purchases or not. And that indifference is shown in the manner in which they treat their patron's customers. A year ago, the China Mail pointed out that hundreds of thousands of dollars must be lost in the Colony through bad salesmanship.

CRITICISM of our hotels is perhaps not so justified. While much remains to be done, and while hotels have gone up quicker than trained staff have been available, ignorance not deliberate rudeness, seems to be the order of the day. What is annoying is the incessant demands for tips. While many hotels have instituted a service charge, this by no means discourages the attendants from making further demands upon a patron's generosity.

Some hotels are overcoming the above mentioned shortcomings by originating a training scheme for their staff, and in time, these annoying characteristics of the untrained waiters will, we hope, disappear. However, that does not mean that no effort should be made to improve the immediate situation. Any shortcomings of the kind mentioned by the Mainichi correspondent are bound to be reflected in the Colony's ledger. And the Colony is not so prosperous that it can afford to lose business.

Demand for Royal Commission certain NEW SPY CASE SHOCKS MPs

Prime Minister under pressure

London, May 3.

A British diplomat's decade of spying for the Russians shocked Members of Parliament tonight and prompted demands for a Royal Commission to investigate Britain's much-criticised security network.

FELLOW PRISONERS ASTOUNDED

London, May 3.

The disclosure that George Blake went over to the Communists during his internment in North Korea today shocked British subjects who were imprisoned with him.

Herbert Salisbury, Army Commissioner, Lord Lord told reporters he remembered Blake well from the days of their internment. He recalled the confessed spy as "a typical Foreign Office type of young fellow, always quite agreeable and quite pleasant."

Today's revelations had come as a "very great shock indeed," Mr Lord added.

Enthusiasm

Another of Blake's fellow internees, Bishop Cecil Cooper, now Chaplain to the Convict of the Society of the Love of God at Burwash, Sussex, called him a "man of great energy."

He added: "He helped to keep us alive by his enthusiasm and his courage."

"At one period we were housed in derelict huts near Pyongyang. They tried to brain-wash us through an interpreter but gave it up as a hopeless job because of the language difficulty."

"Blake resisted the brain-washing, thereby arguing with the political officers who were attempting to indoctrinate us."

"Before the Korean War I had seen a lot of Blake. My house in Seoul was just over the wall from the British Embassy and he often used to pop in."

"He was a regular church-goer; a fine chap and a very good diplomat."

Train to Moscow

Blake, the British Consul, Captain Vyryan Holt, and five others survived the internment in North Korea. Two other members of the British party—a priest and a nun—died in captivity.

The seven survivors were brought home by train to Moscow where they boarded a British service aircraft.

Blake was freed in April, 1953, rested at the home of his mother in Reigate, Surrey, then took up Foreign Office duties again in September of that year.

Blake's imprisonment in Korea had been his second spell behind bars. The first occurred during World War II when he was interned in Spain after escaping from German-occupied Holland. Then he escaped and reached Britain where he joined the Royal Navy and was commissioned as a lieutenant.

In Beirut

His last post with the Foreign Office was in Beirut where he was attending the school of Arabic studies.

According to the Evening Standard tonight, his wife and three children were with him there.

The newspaper also reported that many of his friends regard him as a Buddhist.—REUTERS.

Prime Minister Macmillan was under pressure to explain how George Blake, an official of the Foreign Service, passed on secrets to Moscow year after year without detection.

Blake, 38, was jailed for 42 years at the Old Bailey today after a trial behind closed doors. Police said publication of the evidence could be damaging to Britain.

Several Members of Parliament privately made it known they intend to call for a thoroughgoing inquiry into the effectiveness of British security.

Concern

They expressed concern that the revelation of Blake's nearly 10 years of espionage for the Soviet Union might impair co-operation with the United States on security issues.

Demand for a Royal Commission are likely to be rejected by Mr Macmillan's Conservative Government.

It has already organised an inquiry into State security following the conviction in March of two Britons, two Americans and a Russian for spying out naval secrets on behalf of Moscow. The five received prison terms ranging from 15 to 25 years.

Labour MP George Thomas announced he will formally ask Mr Macmillan in the House of Commons next week "what steps he is taking to accelerate an improvement in security arrangements in all Government departments."

MPs want two questions answered, firstly how did Blake remain undetected for so long; secondly what is going to be done about Blake's superiors.

Restricted

Chapman Pincher writes in the Daily Express, after the conviction of German-born Klaus Fuchs in 1950 the security chiefs introduced a safeguard to keep out foreign-born employees who might become confused about their loyalties.

It was decided that jobs in secret departments would be restricted to British-born people, both of whose parents were British-born, but the rule clearly was not applied to George Blake who fails to comply in two counts—firstly he was born in Rotterdam, and secondly his mother is Dutch.

The law was made retrospective six months after the Fuchs case, after Italian-born Bruno Pontecorvo fled to Russia.—AP and London Express Service.

Reporter keeps trust

Denver, May 3.

Reporter Vi Murphy, 35, jailed for 30 days for refusing to reveal a news source, walked out through the iron gates of Denver county jail today and said, "I'd do it again if I had to."

The newspaperwoman said the issue that resulted in her jail term, imposed by the Colorado Supreme Court, remained "between me, them (the news source) and God, and that's where it's going to play."

Mrs Murphy, mother of four and reporter for the Colorado Springs Gazette Telegraph, was cited for contempt by the State Supreme Court on October 20.—UPI.



The Duke of Kent dances with Mrs M. S. Mustapha, wife of the Sierra Leone Minister of Finance and Deputy Premier, at the State ball in Freetown, Sierra Leone, on the night of April 27-28, to mark the country's new independence. The Duke officiated at ceremonies on behalf of the Queen.—AP Photo.

Cape Canaveral carnival tourist centre

London, May 3.

The Daily Mail today criticised the "Coney Island carnival" it said has been made of America's attempt to launch a man into space.

And it blamed it all on the American outlook on life. Friends of the United States have been "sadly astonished" by all the hullabaloo around Cape Canaveral, said the newspaper in an editorial.

It added: "Cape Canaveral, home of sinister missiles, has become a tourist centre. The conquest of space has been turned into a tourist stunt. 'Pitiless publicity has probed into every detail of the astronauts' lives. Even Bob Hope, it said, had got into the act being photographed with the wives of the astronauts."

Not to blame

"Is the whole thing a gag?" the Mail asked. "Mr Hope is not to blame. Nor are the stunt merchants or the purveyors of juke box music, hot dogs, popcorn and paper hats."

"The fault lies in a society which makes possible such a saturnalia. 'There is surely something wrong with such a society—something a little unbalanced. America is not the only country to display it, but there it seems to have become un-

bounded. Freedom is sacred, but it can be profaned. 'Commander Shepard, who may be the first American astronaut, is as brave and unassuming as Gulliver. But the Russian had something of great value which has been denied to the American. 'The grace of privacy. The bond of dignity.'"

At Cape Canaveral, it was learned that the first United States manned space shot which was postponed from today until next Friday, may be further postponed to next Saturday or even Tuesday because of bad weather conditions in the Bahamas region where the space capsule is to land.—AP & AFP.

JUDO AT 80

London, May 3.

Too old to learn judo? Not on your life.

At least not to 80-year-old Mrs Jane Wright, a widow. "She joined a judo club—'so that I can learn how to protect myself if necessary,' said Mrs Wright, mother of the first wife of archaeologist and TV personality Sir Mortimer Wheeler.—UPI.

Electric chair for killer

Palm Beach, May 3. Floyd A. Holzapfel, confessed killer of circuit Judge C. E. Chillingworth and his wife, sentenced to die in Florida electric chair.

Circuit Judge Russel O. Morrow complimented Holzapfel for his aid to the State in solving the Chillingworth mystery. But he told him he could show him no mercy, such as the convicted mastermind of the

1955 slayings received from a jury. Joseph A. Peel Jr, convicted of ordering Holzapfel to carry out the murders, started a life term in the State prison last week. A jury's mercy recommendation saved him from the chair.

Judge Morrow called the crime "gruesome, vicious, cold-blooded, premeditated, the like of which Florida has never seen."

At Peel's recent trial, Holzapfel testified that the former West Palm Beach city judge ordered him to kill Chillingworth because Peel feared exposure of racketeering in which he and Holzapfel were engaged.

Chillingworth and his wife, Marjorie, were abducted from their home in June 1955 and drowned in the Atlantic Ocean, Holzapfel said.—AP.

KMB SHARES ON EXCHANGE NEXT WEEK

The Kowloon Motor Bus (1933) shares which were recently made available to the public will be quoted at the opening on the Stock Exchange next Wednesday, May 10, the China Mail was informed this morning. The \$10 shares were issued at \$38 and up to \$78 are being offered for them.

Gardener's alleged attack on Mrs Church

A 41-year-old gardener appeared before Mr E. Corbally at Central Court this morning charged with common assault on his employer, Mrs Beatrice Church.

Tsang Tol, of 37, Block 'A', Tai Hang Tung Resettlement Estate, was accused of unlawfully assaulting Mrs Church yesterday at 2A Mount Davis-road. Defendant at first pleaded guilty but reversed his plea to one of not guilty when the prosecuting officer concluded his outlining of the case.

Inspector Yip Tai-yau said that defendant was employed as a gardener by the complainant. He was instructed yesterday to mow the lawn. He refused to work giving the excuse that he was unwell.

TOOK CHOPPER

The complainant then told him to resign. She then went into the kitchen to feed her dog, the inspector continued. The defendant tried to enter the kitchen but was refused by the complainant, whereupon he pushed the complainant aside and gained access to the room.

Insp Yip went on to say that defendant then took a chopper from a drawer, raised and aimed at Mrs Church and said that he would kill her. He was stopped by two other servants and the Police was summoned. Defendant had a clear record.

At this stage Tsang, when asked whether he admitted these facts, denied that he had assaulted the complainant.

Mr Corbally remanded the case till tomorrow morning. Tsang was allowed bail of \$100.

SECOND VOLCANO ERUPTS

Djakarta, May 4.

A second volcano has started erupting in Java.

It is Mount Raung, in the Besuki district of east Java. After lying dormant for eight years the peak is sending up columns of grey smoke, visible for a distance of 35 miles.

"In central Java 14,000 people have been evacuated from the slopes of Mount Merapi, which is vomiting ash and lava.—Reuters.

LAOS REBELS IGNORE CEASEFIRE

Vientiane, May 3.

The Laotian (Boun Oum) Defence Ministry announced today that the ceasefire talks started at Vientiane yesterday by Colonel Sihou could not be continued today because of continued mortar fire by the (pro-Communist) Pathet Lao.

The ministry also said that one hour after the Pathet Lao radio appealed for a general ceasefire at 8 am today, the pro-Communist forces launched a violent attack on the town of Phoukhan, east of Savannakhet, which was still going on at midday.

A helicopter placed at the disposal of reporters to cover the ceasefire contacts was unable to take off because of the continued fighting.

Pro-Western Premier Prince Boun Oum presided in Vientiane today at a ceremony setting up an "official militia", at which they were given arms and uniforms. Prince Boun Oum said that this measure was necessitated by "the grave situation in our country, which is suffering foreign intervention."

He said that other Laotians would be mobilised in the same way by stages, and "I like to think that final victory will reward our efforts."

U.S. questioned

In Washington, the State Department said the United States understands that Royal Laotian army officers are prepared to meet leaving Pathet Lao representatives for ceasefire talks at the Laotian village of Ban Na Mon.

The department said the only definite information it had about the ceasefire situation was a report from the U.S. Embassy in Vientiane quoting a Radio Pathet Lao announcement that the Pathet Lao High Command and Captain Kong Lao had issued orders to ceasefire.

Mr Lincoln White, the State Department's spokesman, told que tioners he assumed that if a ceasefire was in fact arranged in Laos the three-nation International Control Commission (India, Poland and Canada) would promptly proceed to Laos to verify the ceasefire.

Continued

Asked whether he knew if the two co-chairmen had agreed to do this, Mr White replied: "I am positive with respect to the British. I don't know the Soviet attitude."

Outlining the military situation for the period of May 2 Laotian time, Mr White said military action had continued in three areas.

He said that Communist forces had continued their attacks and the Royal Government forces had given ground both in the area of Tchepone, about 25 miles west of the border with Vietnam, and near Nan Tha, some 80 miles northwest of Luang Prabang.

At Muong Houn, about 50 miles northwest of Luang Prabang, Communist forces were reported to be closing in on Royal troops, Mr White said.—AFP.

STOP PRESS!

Ceasefire

Vientiane, May 4.

The Laotian Government ordered all Royal forces on all fronts to ceasefire at 8 am yesterday.

The order was made public also hours later and was signed by Brig. Gen. Phoumi Nosavan, Deputy Premier and Minister of Defence.—UPI.

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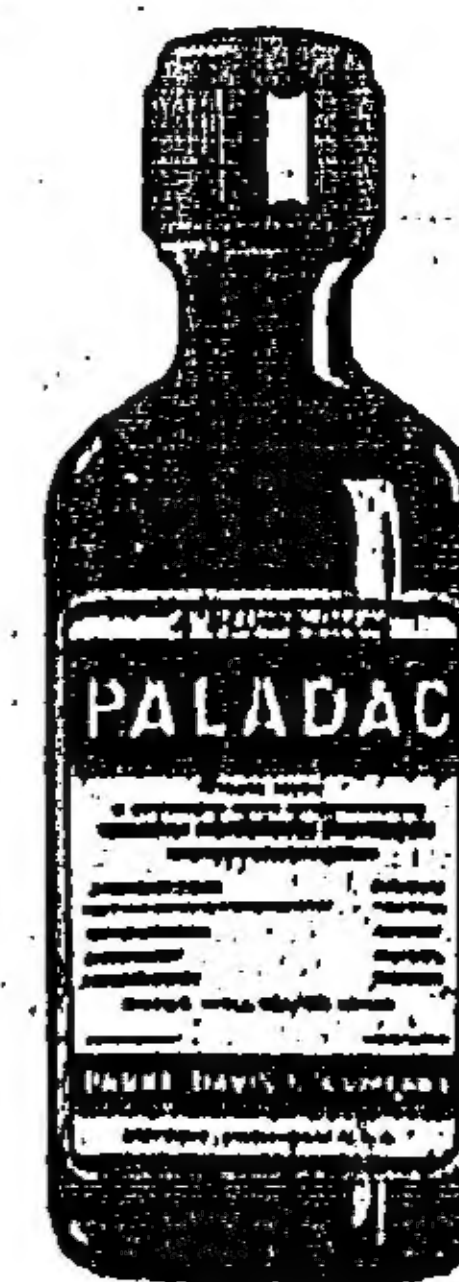
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POLICE ARREST SUSPECTS IN SWOOP ON HOMES Mass raids in South Africa

Bomber shot down through 'moisture leak'

Washington, May 3. The Air Force today blamed a "moisture in million" moisture leak for the accident in which a runway sidewinder missile shot down a B52 bomber over New Mexico on April 7.

The moisture seeped into the electrical circuit of an F100 fighter plane, making practice passes at the bomber and caused a short circuit which released the missile, the Air Force said.

As a result of the finding, the Air Force has ordered a modification of the electrical system in the fighters.

No further F100 flights with GAR-8 (Sidewinder) missiles installed will be made until the new modification is tested and approved by the Air Force, an announcement said.

14 James W. Van Stryke, 28, pilot of the fighter, was exonerated of any blame. Three bomber crew members were killed. Five parachuted to safety. UPI.

Youth admits slaying two girls

Kadoka, S.D., May 3. Police here said a Michigan youth hunted since Sunday, admitted tonight the rifle slaying of two young neighbour girls.

James Scott Stephens, 16, of Holland, Michigan, was arrested last night while hitch hiking through Kadoka, a town of 800 in west-central South Dakota.

South Dakota Crime Bureau agent Don Licht said the admission came at the end of a day of questioning during which Stephens had first denied being the youth in question.

REAL NAME

Young Stephens gave the name Jimmy Sinclair when arrested, but admitted his real name after questioning by Licht and Jackson County Sheriff Warren Pearson.

The youth had been sought since the disappearance of Margaret Chambers, 12, and Carol Gee, 11, whose bullet-riddled bodies were later found buried under leaves near their homes. AP.

Verwoerd's move to smash strike threat

Johannesburg, May 3. Prime Minister Hendrik Verwoerd's white supremacy government today swung an iron fist to smash in advance threatened strikes by this country's non-white majority to enforce their demand for voting rights.

Thousands of plain clothes and uniformed police staged before dawn the largest mass raids and searches seen in South Africa in peacetime.

An official news blackout veiled the number arrested as police swooped on the homes of whites and non-whites suspected of masterminding plans for nationwide strikes and protest demonstrations. Police also combed through populous, sprawling African townships outside such major cities as Johannesburg, Capetown, Durban and Pietermaritzburg.

The apparent aim was to seek sources and arrest people responsible for planning the threatened three-day work stoppage by non-whites at the end of this month to cripple Verwoerd's proclamation of his new republic of South Africa on May 31.

Non-whites have been demanding that Verwoerd agree to calling a multi-racial national convention to discuss drafting a "democratic constitution" to grant them political rights before they co-operate with the republic. Verwoerd ignored the demand.

CHALLENGE

Verwoerd has accepted this challenge and today's pre-dawn raids were his first big crack-down.

Nobody doubted there is more to come as Verwoerd's Minister of Defence also announced that all military forces are being placed on a "battle footing."

Most of the homes of whites raided were those of officials of the multi-racial Liberal Party, which advocates ending strict segregation policies and granting voting rights to non-whites.

Policemen visited the home of Walter Rabin, chairman of the Pretoria branch of the Liberal Party. They searched for documents of the All In Africa Conference, which had announced the strike plans.

The English-language afternoon newspaper, the Star, devoted its entire front page to the raids.

Premier Verwoerd's afternoon paper, the Johannesburg Vaderland, gave it a front-page banner headline saying the raids

were staged to obtain information on "inciters" planning demonstrations against the republic.

UNDERGROUND

Many of the non-white leaders were not at home when the raiders made their visits. Some have gone underground or sleep at a different place every night to avoid arrest.

Meanwhile, at Pretoria, the South African Reserve Bank reported another drop in South Africa's gold and foreign exchange assets.

The decline of almost \$8 million for the last week of April brought the total for the past three weeks to more than \$28 million. The reserves have been declining since the racial violence of last spring that shook foreign investors' confidence in South Africa's economic future.

Politicians and newspapers critical of the government questioned the wisdom of the raids.

WISDOM QUESTIONED

Doctor Jan Steyer, leader of the Progressive Party said "we know well some of the people involved and know that they are not associated with any subversive activity."

"There is a state of mounting tension in this country and it is absolutely essential to the maintenance of peace that the government should act with utmost circumspection at this time... furthermore, we repeat the urgent appeal that the government should hold immediate negotiations with representatives of non-white leaders with a view to eliminating the causes of interracial tension."

"The raids are no answer to legitimate grievances of the African people," said E. M. Wentzel, Transvaal divisional chairman of the Liberal Party, in a statement. He expressed "deep anger" at the raids and added:

"It is a new deal and not a show of force which is needed. The economic and political pressure is building relentlessly. Soon it will defeat Verwoerd's government and not all the police and the army can save it."

Newspapers ran display advertisements for guns for white citizens "for your protection" — revolvers and automatic pistols. Some gunsmiths said their stocks were exhausted or depleted by the new shopping rush. The wife of the Mayor of Johannesburg and other leading women were reported in the press to be taking shooting lessons also. AP.

Gales delay shipping

Montreal, May 3. Heavy westerly gales are continuing to delay Atlantic shipping, officials said today.

The 22,000-ton Cunard liner Ivernia, already delayed a day by running aground out of Southampton last week, had her arrival here postponed another day due to the storm. She is now scheduled to arrive in Montreal tomorrow.

The Greek Line's Arkadia, also due there today, is not expected before tomorrow. AP.

Political meeting broken up

Salisbury, South Rhodesia, May 3.

A shouting group of African nationalists broke up tonight's meeting of the multi-racial "Central Africa Party" in the highfield African township outside Salisbury.

Hecklers, mostly members of the "National Democratic Party," an African nationalist organization, burned copies of the CAP official magazine and set off fireworks. AP.

Police remove squatter



Hundreds of nuclear disarmament campaigners last week carried out the strangest demonstration that London has ever seen when, after listening to speeches in Trafalgar Square, they marched into Whitehall and sat down. Photo shows a woman demonstrator being carried off to a waiting police van. It was all done in good humour. Express Photo.

THE EICHMANN TRIAL

Handful of desperate Jews fought 2,000 Nazis for a month

A witness at the Eichmann trial today held up a tiny pair of crumpled brown shoes, one in each hand, and said: "It is precious, for it represents a million children."

Women in the public gallery wept.

The witness, Dr Adolf Abraham Bernmann, a leading member of Israel's Communist party and brother of a former Polish premier, told the court of a visit to the Treblinka death camp, in Poland, a few weeks after he was liberated by the Soviet Army.

"I saw a tremendous area of many kilometres over which were scattered skulls and bones and heaps of shoes among them the shoes of thousands of little children."

"I have brought one pair from the fields of Treblinka. It is precious for it represents a million children."

Jewish resistance fighters earlier told the court that they were overjoyed when they saw German blood flowing in the streets of Warsaw during the Ghetto uprising of April and May 1943.

Mrs Zivia Lubetkin-Zuckermann told how a handful of desperate Jews, armed with rifles, pistols and home-made bombs, fought for more than a month against 2,000 Nazi soldiers using machineguns, tanks and flame-throwers.

"When the Germans came up to our posts and we threw our bombs and saw German blood flowing in the streets of Warsaw, after we had seen so much Jewish blood, there was rejoicing among us," Mrs Zuckermann told the court.

"It was strange to see these Jewish men and women standing up against the great enemy, glad and happy because they knew that one day their end would come."

"We knew they would conquer us, but for our lives they would pay a high price. We knew that we did not have any prospect of winning in the military sense, but in spite of their strength we knew that we would be the ultimate winners."

"Our strength was our belief in justice, in the dignity of man."

Mrs Zuckermann told how she left the Ghetto with a few survivors of the Jewish fighters after a 48-hour journey through a maze of sewers.

Helped by the Polish underground, they fought alongside the Poles in the uprising of August, 1942 then hid again till the Soviet army liberated Warsaw in January, 1945.

ESCAPE

Earlier Mrs Zuckermann told how 400,000 Jews were crowded into a district barely sufficient for 150,000 in 1940, and how disease, starvation, massacres and deportations thinned their numbers to 60,000 by late 1942.

Mrs Zuckermann said a Zionist organization sent her to Warsaw from Soviet-occupied eastern Poland to organise the escape of Jews to Lithuania. "From there, there were still possibilities of emigrating to Palestine."

Mrs Zuckermann's husband, Mr Yehoshua Zuckermann, known as "Antek" in the underground, attempted to seek ways of escape for Jews after his release from a labour camp where he was tortured until he begged the guards to shoot him.

On a mission outside the Ghetto when the April rising started, Mr Zuckermann read a letter he received from the leader of the uprising, Mordechai Anielewicz, saying:

"Something has happened beyond our wildest dreams—the Germans twice fled from the Ghetto."

The letter added: "Pistols are no good to us. We need rifles and grenades."

Mr Zuckermann also quoted from a leaflet put out by the Polish underground from the Warsaw sewers a year after the Ghetto uprising. It said: "Hitler has not obtained his objective. The Jewish people

still live. After this bloodbath an independent Jewish state, where the tortured Jewish nation will be able to develop freely, will be set up."—Reuter.

Peruvian President coming

Lima, May 3.

Dr Manuel Prado, President of Peru, and his wife will leave on Thursday on a goodwill trip to Japan, South Korea and Taiwan.

They planned to remain two days in San Francisco, leaving there on Sunday for Honolulu. They will depart from Honolulu for Tokyo on May 9, arriving at 10 am on May 10.

They will spend six days in Tokyo and will go to Seoul on May 16. They will go to Hong Kong on May 18 and to Taiwan on May 22.

The Presidential party will return to Tokyo on May 28 for a four-hour stop en route to Honolulu. UPI.

SNATCHERS CAUGHT

London, May 3.

Two youths who snatched a woman's bag containing £180 tried to make their getaway in a taxi here yesterday.

They did not realise that the taxi driver had seen the snatch and been following them. He drove them to the nearest policeman who arrested them. China Mail Special.

Kennedy's view on Democracy versus Communism

Washington, May 3. President Kennedy said today he rejected the view that Democracy could not compete with Communism because it was a slow, divided system.

"If any people feel that Democracy is a divided system, that the Communists are certain in purpose and execution, and we debate and talk and are unable to meet their consistency and perseverance, I don't hold that view," he said at a ceremony at which he was awarded an honorary degree at George Washington University here.

RESPONSIBILITY

He said that a free society faced many disadvantages in a cold war struggle "but over the long run people want to be free."

It was the duty of the educated man and woman to join with political leaders to ensure "the maintenance of our society at a critical time—this is our opportunity as well as our responsibility."—Reuter.

Storm in a tent

London, May 3. Labour MPs objected in the House of Commons today because a marquee tent was flown to Rome from London for a garden party to be held on Friday at Britain's Vatican City legation during the Queen's visit.

Labour Member William Hamilton, leading the objection, said that it had cost £850 to hire the tent and send it to Rome.

Conservatives shouted "non-sense" when Mr Hamilton said "although this sum is a relatively small one it has offended a good many people in this country."

Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, Mr J. D. Godber, said that the marquee had been flown to Rome because "inquiries established that any alternative we were able to obtain in Rome would have cost at least £1,200 and perhaps more."—UPI.

Indian expedition fails in bid to climb Annapurna

Katmandu, May 3.

An Indian expedition to conquer the hitherto unclimbed Annapurna III failed to reach the 24,500-foot summit at the first attempt on April 26, a report received yesterday said.

The report said the team, led by Lieutenant M. S. Kohli of the Indian Navy, will make a second try on May 6.

The Indian team was beaten back by bad weather when within 500 feet of the summit, the report added.

It also said that a Japanese attempt on the Langtang and Jugal Himal peaks is to be made this week. AP.

10 hurled to death

Karachi, May 3.

Ten people were hurled to their deaths in a mountainous ravine when a rope bridge gave way beneath them in Dir, Pakistan, on Tuesday, it was learned today.

All the victims were members of a Pakistani geological team who were carrying out a survey in the State, which borders Soviet Russia. They included a Government official, Akhtar Imam.

Reports reaching Karachi said there were a total of 12 people on the bridge when it suddenly broke away, plunging the bodies into the fast-flowing river beneath. Two junior members of the expedition survived but were seriously injured. AP.

RA RECORD SALE

London, May 3.

During the first five days of the Royal Academy's summer exhibition here 295 pictures were sold for a total of £221,358.

The number of sales is the highest on record for the period, China Mail Special.



The number of active tuberculosis cases in Hong Kong at present is estimated to be 60,000, of which 2,000 are known cases of bone and joint disease in children up to the age of ten years.

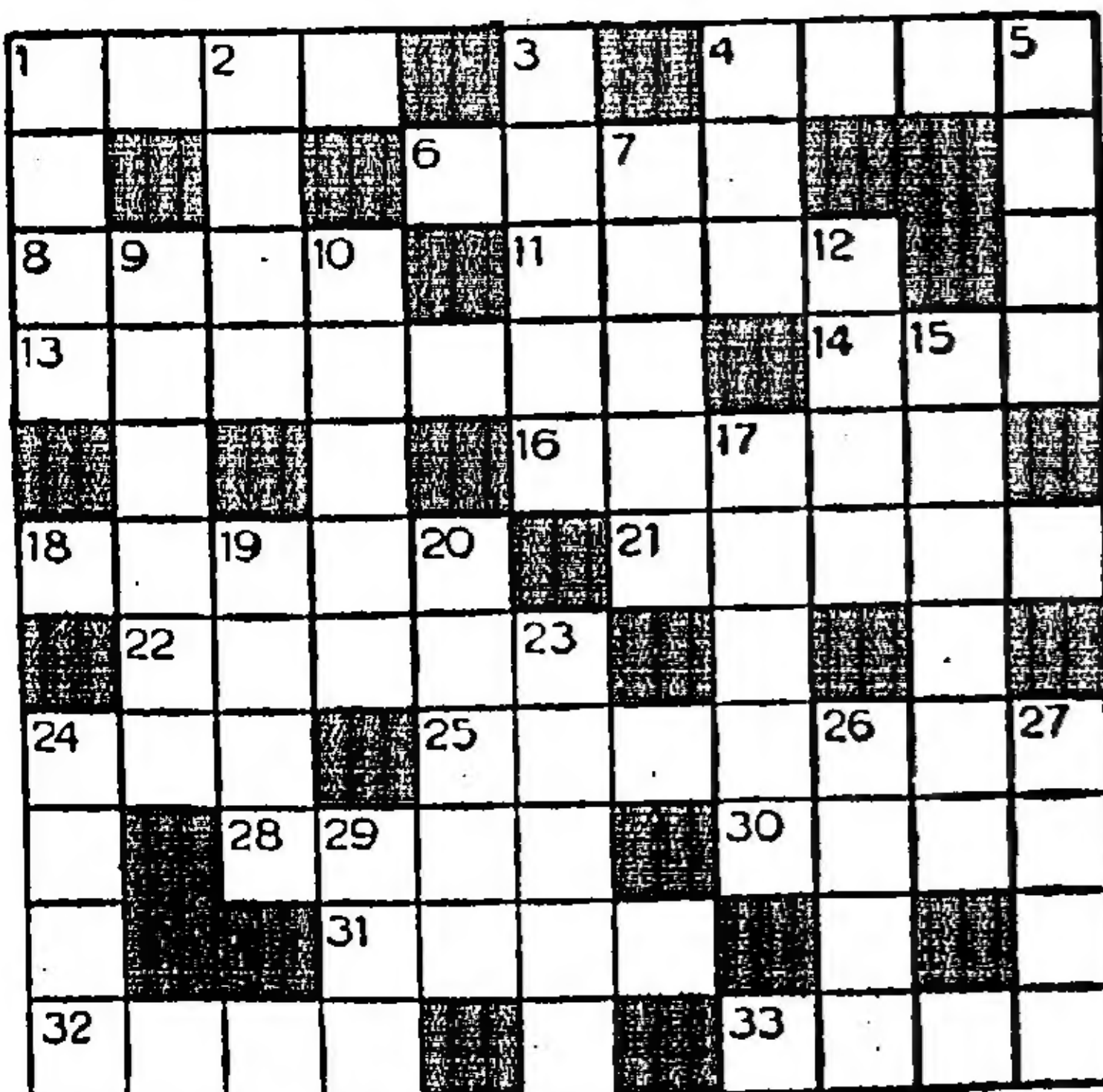
Most of the deaths occur in men and women in their most fruitful and active years and many victims of this fall disease are young children.

WON'T YOU HELP TO STOP THIS WASTAGE OF VALUABLE HUMAN LIVES by donating generously to the Hong Kong Anti-Tuberculosis Association? The Association is dedicated to the task of combating tuberculosis and has as one of its primary objectives the provision of more hospital accommodation so that the sick can be cured and the germ carriers isolated.

With your help, so much more can be done.

Cheques should be crossed and addressed: "The Hong Kong Anti-Tuberculosis Association" c/o Messrs. Lowe, Dillingham & Matthews, Alexandra House, or sent c/o South China Morning Post, Ltd.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 1 It's behind you.
- 4 Leave some!
- 6 Fruit tree.
- 8 Daily.
- 11 Drinks.
- 13 Was very high.
- 14 Pop the question!
- 16 Refuse.
- 18 Presses.
- 21 Cook.
- 22 Kinds.
- 24 For literary sheep?
- 25 Entertained.
- 26 Old Ireland.
- 30 Chatterbox?
- 31 Recedes.
- 32 Pink and hopeful?
- 33 Prophet.

DOWN

- 1 Treaty.
- 2 Playwright.
- 3 Tendon.
- 4 Go, man, go!
- 5 Photographed.
- 6 Golden sovereign!
- 7 Hunley.
- 10 Allude.
- 12 Satisfy.
- 15 Closed.
- 17 Sneak quietly away?
- 19 Departed.
- 20 Undress.
- 23 Feel.
- 24 Look noble?
- 26 Water.
- 27 He changes colour!
- 28 Light comedian!

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD: Across: 1 Locked, 4 Arms, 7 Robe, 8 Single, 9 Last, 10 Step, 12 Also, 14 Eins, 16 Bye, 17 Bear, 20 Over, 23 Ripe, 24 Ambled, 25 Less, 26 Deer, 27 Blimper. Down: 1 Lanky, 2 Cane, 3 Drier, 4 Able, 5 Lapped, 6 Siles, 11 Toga, 13 Lose, 16 People, 18 Hured, 19 Crass, 19 Elder, 21 Veer, 22 Clap.

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London, May 3.
 A 14-year-old Hindu boy who claims to have been mistreated by his employers smiled happily today when the Willesden juvenile court placed him in the care of Middlesex County Council.

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The boy had been employed by the family of an Indian official residing in London.

When his case first came before the court last month the boy alleged his employers worked him 15 or 16 hours a day without pay and treated him in an abusive manner. The Indian official denied the allegations.

In New Delhi on Tuesday, Prime Minister Nehru told the Indian parliament that his government was inquiring into the case.—AP.

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Leave your 'winkle pickers' at home

London, May 3.
 "Winkle pickers", those long pointed pumps of London's younger set, and big time insurance just don't get together. That is the ruling of Lloyd's of London.

One can take out a policy with the August pillar of commercial insurance against the loss of a multi-million dollar ocean liner.

One can insure against having twins, against rain on the night of the big fight or even against a libel suit—but one may never, never, darken the portals of Lloyd's, Leadenhall-street, in London's downtown city quarter wearing Italian style jackets, tight fitting pants or "winkle pickers."

To do so would be to incur the grave displeasure of the figures of aristocratic elegance who govern that ancient institution.

The superintendent of The Room—the name given to the centre where the world's marine insurance business is conducted—has banned all "outlandish fashions."

And the scarlet-coated messengers who control the entrance to the room were told to tell employees and messengers that such styles are not acceptable—and to refuse entrance to all wearing them.

Said one dark suited member: "We have got to draw the line somewhere you know. Some of these chaps would be turning up in leather jackets and skin tight pants if we didn't stop them."—AP.

MR K'S PORTRAIT IN EXHIBITION

London, May 3.
 Portraits of the Queen and Mr Nikita Khrushchev set a tone of realism at the 193rd summer exhibition of the Royal Academy.

Norman Happle's painting of the Queen commissioned for the Royal Air Force College, Cranwell, is conventional and realistic without the prettiness which has characterised some other royal portraits.

The portrait of Khrushchev by Ruskin Spear is arresting, and must be the only portrait of any Russian leader to be hung at the Royal Academy.

The face crowds the canvas, and the artist has abstracted the essence of the after in a "truer than life" portrait.

In an exhibition with 1,393 exhibits as compared with last year's 1,521, there is a preponderance of portraits, many of the "board-room" type and an unusual emphasis on academic or official robes.

PRIME MINISTER
 Mr Harold Macmillan, the Prime Minister, is represented by James Gunn in his black and gold robes as Chancellor of Oxford University.

The only painting by Pietro Annigoni, the fashionable Italian artist, is a portrait of the Marchioness of Dufferin and Ava.

Sir Winston Churchill, honorary Academician Extraordinary, has his usual three exhibits, some this time of the South of France, his favourite academy subject.

One is called "Studio Sketch", another is "The Bridge" and the third "Waterfall at Chartwell."

There are also two busts of Sir Winston, one on bronze by David McFall, and the other in marble by Bryant Baker.

Mr McFall has two other busts in the exhibition, but is equalled, even eclipsed, by Sir Charles Wheeler, President of the Royal Academy, with three bronze heads of the violinist, Yehudi Menuhin.—China Mail Special.

China using confiscated money?

Ottawa, May 3.
 Prime Minister Diefenbaker declined in the House of Commons today to say whether sterling used by Communist China to pay for Canadian wheat was confiscated from British Nationals in China.

He said, in reply to a question if such an assurance could be made, it was not the responsibility of the Canadian Government.

Agriculture Minister Mr Alvin Hamilton told the Commons yesterday that Canada had reached an agreement with Communist China to provide up to 233,400,000 bushels of Canadian wheat and barley over the next three years.

—AP.

A QUESTION TO CONSIDER

Should Australia still refer law to Privy Council?

Melbourne, May 3.
 Australia should consider whether she needed to remain among the minority of Dominions which still referred questions of law to the Privy Council, the Melbourne Herald said.

The influential evening newspaper was commenting editorially on the Council's decision this week that it was not "necessary or proper" for it to continue hearing appeals challenging the validity of liquor licensing fees in Victoria and Queensland.

The Herald said: "The decision, after five days of argument, may strengthen the contention that the High Court of Australia should be the final arbiter of all our legal and constitutional issues."

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LES PARAS . . .

A battle-etched monster that mesmerises France

By
DENIS PITTS

THEY screamed up the dusty Egyptian road at the time of Suez, a truck-load of poker-faced French paratroops, and stopped beside a group of British troops who were trying to unlock the door of a petrol station in Port Said.

A sergeant and one paratrooper climbed from the truck. "Why don't you shoot it open?" said the sergeant. "Because we think there is someone in there," said the British lieutenant. "So?" said the Frenchman, brushing aside the British lieutenant and corporal.

Four bursts

He and the private cocked their light sub-machine guns and fired four long bursts each into the door. "There was it, turned out, no one inside. The stunned British officer said: "Thank you." The Frenchman bowed. "Enchante, monsieur," he said. And drove off leaving the young British officer from a fine regiment feeling like a childish, bungling amateur. Such are Les Paras.

Born of a beaten nation, these bronzed, lean young men are probably the world's toughest professional fighting force. They are probably the most ruthless too. Twice their officers have used them to force their own country to the edge of a cliff. This time France may topple.

Arrogant

Les Paras are more than just a shock force. They are a cult, an arrogant and brutal cult in a country of cults.

There are 75,000 of them. Of this number 25,000 are regulars. The rest are conscripts.

Almost all of them are in Algeria. Almost all of them are "bleeding" soldiers.

The older ones are veterans of the bloody fighting of Vietnam. It was there that they learned their cynicism.

Pierre Lagallarde, ex-Para and leader of the barricades in the 1958, was sharing a cub with me in Madrid last year.

He said: "While we were fighting in Indo-China, while

we were losing comrades after comrades, the politicians were stabbing us cleverly in the back. "But they could never destroy our pride."

After 11 years of constant fighting in Algeria— together with a short excursion to Suez—Les Paras have gained a tremendous, though not entirely enviable, reputation.

A world which has thrown up such fighting machines as the armies of Alexander and Leonidas, the legions of Caesar, the hordes of Attila, the Comanches, the Old Guard of Napoleon, and the Brigade of Guards has produced these men.

They combine something of all these fighters.

Witness the first few hours of the Suez landings—when eight members of the staff of the Casino Palace Hotel were lined up and shot through the centre of the forehead because they

had refused to give Les Paras a drink. I saw their eight bodies. A French paratrooper officer, his face carved from sandstone, shrugged his shoulders and turned away. "They offered resistance, m'sieur," he said. "C'est la guerre. C'est les Arabes."

In an almost derelict Dakota aircraft I once shared a bottle of wine with several of Les Paras.

Danger

We were flying low over the Mediterranean. The port engine began to stream oil.

The paratroops glanced out and went on talking about loot, sex, and food. In that order.

We landed safely. The engine was still smoking and it seemed to me, liable to catch fire at any moment.

I got out quickly. A paratrooper grabbed my arm.

"Hey," he said, "you haven't finished your wine." They didn't care. They are completely conditioned to danger and death. Fiercely, brutally, arrogantly Les Paras have tried to rebuild the glory which was France.

Their magic

See them in Marseilles or Toulon, battle-etched, wearing all ceremonial dress for their brown and green jumping smocks and berets. They ignore any officer who isn't a paratrooper. They hold any other French soldier in contempt.

Their pay is abysmal. A private earns less than 7s. a day. And yet such is their harsh magic that every young conscript in France writes "Les Paras" as first choice of a future unit.

Had the coup succeeded they could well have become the Protectorate Guard of a new dictator.

For in Les Paras the French have created not merely a tough regiment.

They have created a monster. And the monster has got out of hand.

(London Express Service).

SPRING IN RUSSIA

THE huge jagged heart, freshly carved across the wooden top of a classroom desk, set the authorities in a turmoil. Who had committed this disturbing and unhealthy act? The culprit was silent.

Speeches about the incident were made at council meetings. The class-teacher was rebuked for ever allowing it to happen.

It was stated: "The presence of a morally defective boy or girl is immediately reflected in the behaviour and the academic output of the whole school."

Then, almost out of the blue, one of the quietest schoolboys confessed that he had carved the heart after quarrelling with the girl he loved. He had not admitted it earlier because his widowed mother, a poor character with whom he lived in one tiny, bare room—could not afford to pay for repairs to the desk.

From what sort of novel would you say I have taken that episode?

From A. J. Cronin, perhaps? From some story about the grim Welsh valleys in the days of excessive poverty and puritanism?

BRILLIANT

No, the setting is much more recent than that. It is from a novel about Russia in the 1950's by the veteran Soviet writer Ilya Ehrenburg. Its title: *THE SPRING* (MacGibbon and Kee, 18s.).

The *Spring* was first published in Moscow as a magazine serial in 1956, the year when strikes and famine attacks in the golden hall of the Supreme Soviet greeted Khrushchev's

historic denunciation of Stalin's regime. Ehrenburg is a brilliant and subtle pusher of open doors. If there ever was one. For 30 years he has manged, without any appearance of servility, to write whatever Moscow is about to want to read.

His 1956 serial tale was wonderfully timed to the mood of 1956. Yet, with Major Yuri Gagarin's amazing half-day excursion into space, its publication in Britain is even more topical.

REJECTED

It is the story of hot-tempered Sokolovsky, the handsome, grey-haired chief engineer of the chief factory in a Russian provincial town. Sokolovsky has a scheme for making machine-tool parts by a new electro-erosion process.

Now, as a reader, you should not be daunted by a Russian novel about electro-erosion. Most of the best modern Russian novels have a similar theme. Dudintsev's *Journals* Not by Bread Alone is centred round an exciting new way of manufacturing drain-pipes.

Poor brilliant Sokolovsky, like the heroic maker of drain-pipes in Not by Bread Alone, has his scheme turned down by the

After the long, cold winter, even men's hearts can melt . . .

by ROBERT PITTMAN

petty, conservative-minded organisation men.

Promptly he walks out of the factory in a rage. He does not call for a car, as he is entitled to. He trudges back to his flat along the main street which the local party committee is now getting made up with lamac for the first time ever. He stays away from work for a week and does not even bother to send in a doctor's certificate.

As a result, a specially called meeting of the factory's Party group takes the drastic step of humiliating their inspired designer by giving him an official reprimand.

HIS FRIEND

Immediately all kinds of local people are involved in this decision.

There is Sokolovsky's drunken young friend, the artist Pukhov. Pukhov has pushed himself in front of far greater artists by painting Landseer-type pictures to please the Party bosses. He

is praised and highly rewarded for his canvas of a camp-fire surrounded by glowing-eyed young Pioneers, the Communist equivalent of Boy Scouts.

Pukhov tells himself, "It doesn't matter how you paint. What matters is the subject; the right subject at the right time, not a year too early or a year too late. Suppose, for instance, there is a campaign against drunkenness. We there you go—drunken father can't get the key into the key-hole while the daughter—in Pioneer uniform, of course—looks on disapprovingly."

But Pukhov is secretly disgusted with himself. Unhappily he attends a local meeting where a party leader attacks the unconventional portrait of a woman submitted by an artist whom Pukhov privately admires.

Says the artist: "Here surely was the artist's opportunity to show us a specifically Soviet type. But what have we here? Can we believe that this woman plays a part in building Socialism in our country? In the eyes there is neither the flash of inspiration, nor the glow of reflection, and her clothes are shoddy. . . . It is the harder to understand when, side by side with them, we see the remarkable picture by Pukhov, dedicated to the happy life of little Soviet children."

COURAGEOUS

Miserably Pukhov realises that the dull, rigid-minded folk who praise him are the very people who are persecuting his friend Sokolovsky.

Then there is lovely Lena, the schoolteacher. She has left her first husband, a dictatorial factory boss, in order to marry idealistic Dimitri.

Now she is shocked to hear that her new husband, despite his idealism, has been weak enough to vote for reprimanding Sokolovsky and his electro-erosion scheme.

Lena, by the way, has worries of her own. One of her favourite pupils is the emotional carver of hearts; and she is herself in trouble with the strict-minded bureaucrats for sympathising with him.

In other words, Sokolovsky's fight for electro-erosion is in a sense her fight too. She does her best to make Dimitri change his mind and join the fight on their side.

So you can see the line-up, can't you? On one side are the dreary, heretofore little bosses who ruled Russia under Stalin. Such is Trifanov, a local party official. In Ehrenburg's eyes Trifanov is not wholly a black.

He is: "Neither greedy nor ambitious. His wife always wore the same pleated blue dress."

They did not keep a maid. . . . He was, on the whole, good-natured; he sympathized with people's colour who were kept waiting two years for their room. At the same time such cases annoyed him. He looked on people's unsatisfactory circumstances as on rats in a well-made road. You shouldn't pay too much attention to individual cases; that would be harmful to the general interest."

On the other side are the new, courageous thinkers who are passionately interested in individuals. With their help and with the help of a new Khrushchev-type local party secretary, Sokolovsky wins in the end.

NOT NEW

Such is *The Spring*. In some ways it is not entirely new. In other Soviet novels also if not in real life, it is always the women who inspire their men to fight the old-fashioned ideas. But there are some surprises too. One is the appearance of Dimitri's genial, white-haired stepfather, a professor, who suddenly turns up in Lena's home after serving as a convict in the frozen Siberia for 17 years.

You may ask how a professor could become a convict. The answer, given quite casually by Ehrenburg, is that the unlucky old fellow had been falsely denounced on political grounds, naturally. It took the authorities a mere 17 years to discover that a mistake had been made.

The stepfather is not in the least embittered, even though least embittered a coroner's thrombosis as a result of his experience. In the West his story would make several stark, angry novels. In *The Spring* he is just another character.

Yet, at a second glance, you see that he is not there accidentally. The *Spring* clearly refers to the melting of men's hearts after the long, cold winter.

But it is also a denunciation of the strange, traditional Russian system of denunciation. Sokolovsky is denounced by the committee. Lena is denounced. The stepfather is denounced. There is even one kindly character in the book who has a thick file of grateful letters from the men he has always spoken up for whenever they were denounced.

In the new Russian fiction, of course, such men as Sokolovsky always win through. Their bright, new ideas bring in the results.

But what of real life? Is there any guarantee that Trifanov and the ruthless men whom he served will not return in later chapters?

Perhaps the recent flight into space will be the best guarantee of all. Let us hope it is a triumph not only for pilot Gagarin, but for many a nameless Sokolovsky too.

(London Express Service).



A QUESTION OF 'FACE'...

London Express Service

AMERICAN NEWSLETTER

Why American girls like being princesses..

From JEAN CAMPBELL

New York.

THIS is the age of the Yankee princesses. The liveliest and loveliest girls of America are deserting home to become serene highnesses, and I predict that the fashion will now flame like a forest fire.

Take the three leading Yankee princesses, Princess Grace, Princess Lee and Princess Peggy. They are all delighted in their European marriages, and when they write home there is, believe me, envy in the house.

"America," said the American poet Russell Davenport, "is not a land of ease," and here women are expected to perform unceasing circus acts in kitchen, seminary and ballroom.

A REST

They are told from childhood that they must look like Venus and think like Plato. Whatever they do they must do perfectly.

They must never appear tired, never seem nervous. They must have all salient facts at their call and be ready to throw those facts into every conversation as we throw peanuts to monkeys.

They must create. They must project. They must fulfil themselves not only as women but as something called "people."

My theory is that America's loveliest girls are marrying Princes—to have a rest!

Grace left a conquered Hollywood and the frenzied adulation of the United States to settle in that part and prim pocket principality of Monaco. Now she has two children and more titles than any other woman in the world.

Lee, now Princess Stanislas Radziwill, the dark-eyed sister of Jacqueline Kennedy, was a magazine photographer. She lived in a whirl of excitement and light.

Suddenly her American marriage collapsed and she married a quiet Polish business man. Now her home is in London and she has two children and a house like a Fabergé jewel near Buckingham Palace.

Peggy, now Princess Charles d'Arenberg, is 28 years old. She was rich, being the daughter of the director of Standard Oil.

She was blonde, beautiful and hectic. As Peggy Baneroff she gave nightly dinners for 60 and shook sedate New York society with the gaiety of her gathering.

Marriage to an American ended in failure, and now she is married to a quiet Frenchman, aged 55. They live in Paris, and are expecting a child.

I suspect that it is not the little Sarum Highness but the search for serenity itself which inveigled these three remarkable young women to up and change their bustling lives.

Big switch

HERE, as the Americans say, comes the "big switch." Princess Elizabeth of Yugoslavia left the chaperoned and shadowy courts of Europe at the age of 23 to marry the son of a man who owned a Seventh Avenue maternity dress shop.

Elizabeth met Howard, a tough athlete, on the ski slopes at St. Antonio. She fell in love with him and followed him to America. Howard was 40 and divorced.

She was Greek Orthodox, he was Jewish. They ran away to

Florida and married and now they are expecting their first child.

The Oxnbergs expect to come to London for the Duke of Kent's wedding because Elizabeth is, of course, the Duke's cousin.

Back to Bucks

THE most sinister looking man I have yet seen in New York is a pale Englishman of Norwegian descent. He is a writer, with a pen that can pry into the nerve centres with the unrelenting efficiency of a hypodermic needle.

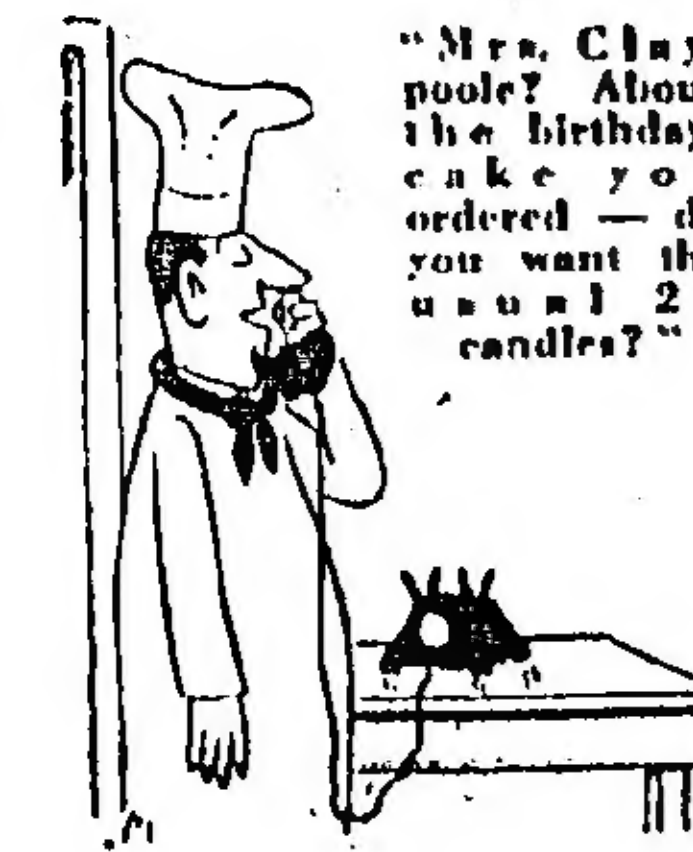
His name is Roald Dahl and he has captured the imagination of this country with his book of short stories, *Kiss Kiss*, and a morbid coast-to-coast television series.

On Friday Dahl returned to his home at Great Missenden, Bucks, with his merry, red-haired, actress wife, Patricia Neal, and their three children. Dahl tells me that he thinks that fiction writers have a far more important place in the American community today than in England. He writes slowly, sometimes taking as long as six months to finish one short story.

The Dahl family have devised a most interesting way to stop their daughters studying themselves in their full-length, nubby mirror. They have boarded the mirror to the height of the children and allowed them to paint a picture on the wooden surface.

(London Express Service).

CARPOO



WOMANSENSE

Let us stop looking quite so ghastly

HOW do you appear at breakfast? Rumped, crumpled, hair-curlered, creamy? Rolling down like a sad avocado?

I do. And I make a fair bet that a great percentage of you do too. Because nobody cares what we look like at breakfast. Or so we imagine.

But think for a moment of another scene.

It was one of those Mediterranean mornings. Unwrinkled, still as a painted backcloth. Turquoise sky without a cloud. Vesuvius, far away, blowing up tiny puffs of smoke, as if it were pretending to be the funnel of a local train.

HE YELLED

And on our terrace someone wheeled a trolley of food and coffee and peaches.

This was an Italian hotel. The first day abroad. The man in the white shirt and trousers, and the multi-coloured squiggles.

Or had a beach robe covered with scarlet tomatoes. As for the girls, one with a brilliant dragon. Another in a housecoat wide with frills.

Suddenly there was a silence-pitifully four. The man in the white shirt, a melon, friend, I always thought, crashed down beside me.

"Look at them," he yelled, condemning everyone on the terrace with a sweep of his tomato-covered arm. "Hypocrites, all of them! A vain, conceited bunch. All dressed up because they're on holiday."

"If they can manage to look like this here, why can't they at home? Can you believe they are the same women who in

London, Hastings, and Cambridge lumber about in the morning in curlers and creamy faces, and knee-length cardigans over matted nightdresses?"

"What do you expect?" I snapped back. "Glamour over the kippers in Sidecup and Bournemouth and Crewe?"

His look said I was really stupid. I wilted a bit. "Is it true we look so terrible?"

TAKE TROUBLE

"All women," he said, "should realize that even if they're having breakfast they look ghastly in the morning if they don't take some trouble. Nothing much, mind. Just uncurl their hair and wipe the cream from their faces."

He looked round the terrace almost sadly. "It's so disillusioning for a man—to know that you can look like this. And you do look like."

"So you want us to dress up for breakfast at home?" I muttered, mentally drowning my carpet slippers.

"Precisely. I'd even break that breakfast silence if you looked worthy of a compliment at 8 a.m. And I bet a lot of other men would do the same."

To be appreciated in the early morning? It's quite an idea I might try it.

After all, I thought, looking again at the dragons, the frills, and tomatoes, it's not that we can't look winners at breakfast. Even at home.

Interesting, this wedding ring vogue

WITH every headline-making engagement, it seems, another kind of engagement ring swings into fashion.

When Princess Margaret and Tony Armstrong-Jones became engaged, rubies were all the vogue.

Now, following the engagement of Katharine Worsley and the Duke of Kent, the sale of sapphire and diamond rings is soaring.

I have been talking about these changes in jewellery fashion to Richard Ogden, one of London's top jewellers. So many newly-married girls, I observed, seem to have wedding rings these days.

"Yes, they are the vogue and most popular kind of wedding ring now," he said. "In fact, there is such a demand for interesting wedding rings that we have opened a special room

which has 650 different ones to choose from.

Particularly successful is the 'silk' finish gold wedding ring—a series of criss-cross lines engraved on a matt surface."

Victorian muff-chains, suggests Mr Ogden, are ideal presents for bridesmaids. They can be chopped into bracelets, on which you can hang either one gold disc with initials and date of the wedding or a collection of gold charms.

(London Express Service).



Two bright ways to start any summer morning—Above: White cotton housecoat sprayed with gold, scarlet and charcoal roses. Left: Another version in royal blue, aquamarine and white stripes. Both from Woollands.

Pictures by John Cowan
London Express Service.



HOUSEHOLD HINTS

To clean a gold chain bracelet, wash in warm soapy lather, using a soft brush to get into the links. When dry, polish gently with a soft chamois leather.

Use a soap lather to spoon pancake batter. There's less dripping of batter this way and it's easier to make all the cakes the same size.

When you disconnect a cord, grasp the plug, never the cord, and pull straight. Pulling on the cord can in time jerk the wire from the plug. If it sticks rock it gently from side to side as you pull.

When icing a cake prevent the icing running down the side by sitting a little dry icing sugar on it.

JACOBY on BRIDGE

THE bidding in the box is that of table "A" in a team match.

I cannot approve North's four diamond bid. When he jumped to three hearts he had shown his full strength and should not have accepted any slam invitation.

East's double of four diamonds was designed to get a diamond opening against whatever number of hearts became the final contract, but West's double of four spades was just silly. He rather hoped that his opponents would go on but his warning kept South from going to six.

South won the diamond opening in dummy and promptly lost the spade finesse. A second diamond was ruffed and South took his ace of spades and ruffed a spade in

NORTH 20	
♠ 9	♥ 743
♦ Q80	♣ KJ5
WEST	
♠ KJ84	♥ 1065
♦ 8	♣ K52
♥ 743	♦ KJ852
♣ 87642	♥ Q3
SOUTH (10)	
♠ AQ32	♥ AQ1098
♦ 10	♣ A109
Both vulnerable	
South West	North East
1 ♠ Pass	3 ♥ Pass
4 ♠ Pass	4 ♣ Double
4 ♠ Double	Pass
5 ♠ Pass	Pass
Opening lead—♦ 3	

CARD SENSE

Q—The bidding has been: North East South West 1 ♥ Pass ?

You, South, hold: ♠AKQJ107 ♥Q ♠A865 ♠KQ2

What do you do? A—Bid two spades. Even though you are void of your partner's suit, your hand is strong enough to invite a slam right off the bat.

TODAY'S QUESTION Your partner raises you to three spades. What do you do now?

Answer Tomorrow

dummy. Then he led a trump to his queen, laid down the ace of trumps, ruffed his last spade with dummy's jack and made his contract. It will be noted that East had three possible defensive plays at that point. If he overruled he would be end played; if he discarded a diamond South would ruff a diamond with his last trump and cash the ace and king of clubs; if he discarded a club the queen would drop on the first club lead. Strangely enough, the bidding went the same way at the other table up to South's four spade bid. West was two up at six hearts and had no play for his contract.

LADY OF LUCK

YOUR CHINA MAIL HOROSCOPE

THURSDAY, MAY 4

AQUARIUS (10) (January 21-February 19): This would be a good day to clear up a number of odds and ends of work which you have allowed to accumulate.

PISCES (11) (February 20-March 20): An unexpected gift from someone you greatly admire will make the day for you.

ARIES (5) (March 21-April 19): You will be instrumental in bringing two people together who will always be grateful to you for arranging their meeting.

TAURUS (2) (April 20-May 20): A windfall should be used to settle an old debt, no matter how tempted you may be to spend it on a luxury.

GEMINI (12) (May 21-June 21): You will be gratified to see a younger person gradually coming round to your more sensible way of thinking.

CANCER (3) (June 22-July 21): A new hobby may not be as fascinating to your friends as it is to you. Don't bore them with too many details.

LEO (7) (July 22-August 21): A full social life should not make you neglect a friend who is alone too much. Try to in-

clude him in some of your activities.

VIRGO (8) (August 22-September 22): Follow your impulse to get away for the weekend. A change of surroundings is just what you need.

LIBRA (9) (September 23-October 22): It would be a thankless task to try to compose a quarrel between two people who are hopelessly at variance with each other.

SCORPIO (6) (October 23-November 21): An investigation carried out on your own initiative will bring you unexpected revelations.

SAGITTARIUS (4) (November 22-December 21): A relative will arrive unexpectedly from abroad just in time to take part in a family celebration.

CAPRICORN (1) (December 22-January 20): An interesting adventure will give you the impetus you have long been needing to break away from your regular routine.

YOUR LUCKY NUMBER. Count the letters in your first name and add the total to the number shown in brackets after your sign of the Zodiac. This is your lucky number for the week.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Hi's Birthday Party

—All The Indian Braves Help Him Celebrate—

By MAX TRELL

NEITHER Knarf, the Shadow Boy with the Turned-About Name, nor Teddy, the Stuffed Bear, heard the sound-of-the-calling-voice.

But Hiawatha, the Small-Steed Wooden Indian, suddenly stuck his head out of his blanket, put his hands to the sides of his mouth and shouted something that sounded like a long-drawn-out "Yee-hee-hee!"

Huddled together

Knarf and Teddy, and Hiawatha had all been huddled together in the corner of the room with the blanket over their heads and shoulders. They weren't exactly sleeping. They were only waiting for something to happen like, for instance, a herd of Buffalo to come charging into the room.

Hiawatha said Indians always did their waiting with blankets over their heads.

"Yee-hee-hee!" Hiawatha shouted again. "I'm coming, Grandpa!"

Hiawatha jumped up and instantly ran behind the bookcase, leaving Knarf and Teddy tangled up in the blanket. It took them a few seconds to get clear of the blanket, then they dashed after him. They squeezed themselves behind the bookcase just in time to see Hiawatha disappear through a crack in the floor at the other end. Considering that he was only a Wooden Indian, he was wonderfully swift.

When Knarf and Teddy reached the crack in the floor,

they found it was longer and wider than they had supposed. It was more like a crack between two great rocks.

They let themselves down. It was dark. They slid along for a few yards—or so it seemed—and then, all at once, they found themselves in the middle of a huge plain in such bright sunshine that for a moment or two they had to shut their eyes.

The light was too bright. When they opened their eyes again, they saw that the plain they were on was like an enormous flat plate. There were no trees, only here and there some strangely-shaped cactus plants. Some tumbleweed went rolling past, blown by the wind. In the distance was a mountain with a flat top.

"There he goes!" cried Knarf, pointing ahead where a small figure was running.

Continued running

But though Knarf and Teddy both shouted for Hiawatha to wait for them, he continued running. Finally he reached the flat-top mountain and ran around to the far side where they lost sight of him.

"Come on, Teddy," said Knarf. "We'll find him. I think he's going up to the top of that mountain."

"He could have waited for us," said Teddy. "And, anyway," he added, "why don't we take one of those horses? It'll be easier than walking."

"Horses?" repeated Knarf. And then he noticed them, a whole herd of them. They were

nibbling on the tufts of grass that grew along a sort of dry river bed a little distance away. But they were wild horses. They galloped off as soon as they saw Knarf and Teddy coming toward them.

"I guess we've got to walk," sighed Teddy.

As they came near the flat-top mountain, Knarf said to Teddy:

"Sound grow louder."

"Listen! Don't you hear something?"

Teddy stopped and listened. He said he heard drums. He said he also heard many voices.

"I think they're singing," Knarf said.

At the foot of the mountain they found a narrow path which led around to the far side. Then, at the far side, they found another path which led up the steep side of the mountain.

The path was cut into the rock. Knarf and Teddy went up the path.

The beating of the drums and the sound of the singing grew louder and louder as they climbed closer to the top.

"I think they're having a party or something," said Teddy. "Maybe it's a war dance."

"I think they're singing," Knarf said.

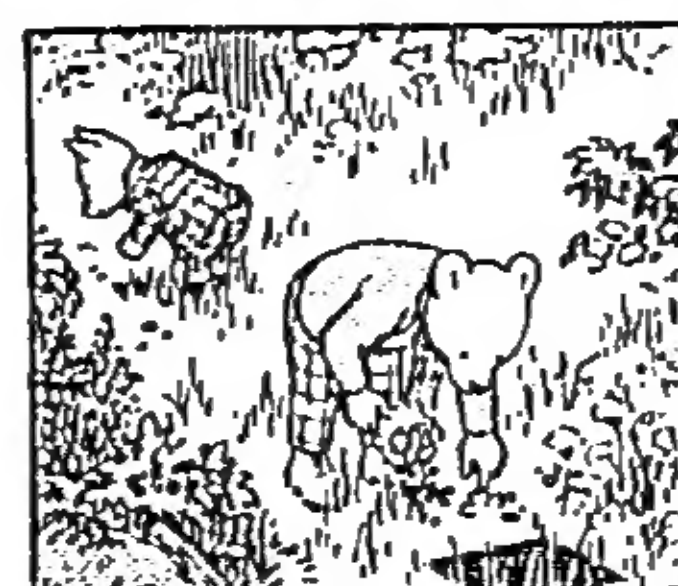
Then they reached the top. They looked.

The top of the mountain was like a big round flat floor with no roof but the blue sky and no walls but the empty distance all around.

Hiawatha's old Grandfather, Chief White Cloud, was sitting on a rock with Hiawatha sitting beside him.

Three Warriors were beating drums. About 50 other Warriors were dancing around in a large circle. And all around the dancing Warriors were Squaws and Indian Children. They were laughing and singing.

Rupert and Gwyneth—5



The two pals start homewards. "I've only gathered a few hard nuts," says Rupert, "but I won't wait for any more. Hello, look at those flowers. What a lot of them, and they're all new to me. There's surely some special kind of cat down here that grows such rare

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things. I must add a few to the berries from the brook." Porcupine says he will help, and soon they have quite a collection. "I say, look who's coming," whispers Rupert, and Gwyneth turns to see a strange figure in a tall, black hat walking quietly towards the wood.

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British racing doping probe ends

Rare treat for HK cricket fans

Last night sporting fans in the Colony were served a rare treat at the Hongkong Cricket Club where the Australian Broadcasting Service Television film of the historic first Test between Australia and the West Indies was shown.

The 90-minute action-packed film includes the slashing century by Garfield Sobers, the fine attacking bowling of Alan Davidson, the amazing hard-hitting of Westley Hall, the powerful century by Norman O'Neill and the painful opening when Colin McDonald stops the full force of Westley Hall's 90 miles per hour bouncer. It all leading up to the greatest climax in Test match cricket when Australian batsmen, needing eight runs in the last over with three wickets in hand, ran themselves out trying desperately to score the winning run in a finish that was so exciting that the players could all have qualified for an academy award.

The film will be shown again tonight at the Kowloon Cricket Club at 7 pm and 9 pm and on Friday at 2.30 pm at the Shell Theatre (bookings for this show must be made with Queens Tel 35541).

The Kowloon Cricket Club welcomes members from all other clubs in the Colony to attend tonight's showings.

Tomorrow night the film will be shown at the HKCC at 7.15 pm and then twice at the Kowloon Bowling Green Club where the Australian Association will be gathered for a 9.30 pm show.

Kath Silett, Quanta Sales Manager at Hongkong, who arranged for this film to be obtained from the Australian Broadcasting Service, is hopeful that Quanta can obtain films of all the remaining four Test matches and all sporting fans in the Colony will welcome this series as the film is a masterpiece of photography and commentary and covers the most exciting Test series ever contested.

THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

13TH RACE MEETING

Saturday 6th May, 1961

(To be held under the Rules of The Royal Hong Kong Jockey Club)

THE PROGRAMME WILL CONSIST OF 9 RACES.

The first saddling bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m. and the first race run at 2.00 p.m.

The Secretary's Office at Alexandra House will close at 11.45 a.m.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

No person without an Admission Badge will be admitted. Admission Badges at \$25.00 each are obtainable only on the written introduction of a Member. Admission Badges may be obtained during office hours from the Cash Sweep Offices of the Club at Prince's Building, Ground Floor (facing Statue Square); 5, D'Aguiar Street; King's Road, North Point and 382, Nathan Road. ADMISSION BADGES WILL NOT BE ON SALE AT THE SECRETARY'S OFFICE AND WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE AT THE RACE COURSE ON RACE DAYS.

Admission to the Members' Stand and upon production of Badges and Brooches, which must be worn throughout the duration of the meeting in such a manner as to be readily identified. Members wishing to proceed to Club Boxes on the 4th and 5th Floors of the new Public Stand must do so from the 2nd Floor of the Members Stand, using the lift or stairs.

Apart from the foregoing, Members, their Ladies, and Members' Guests are not permitted to enter the Public Enclosure and Stand.

NO CHILDREN under the age of seventeen years (Western Standard) will be admitted to the Club's premises during the Meeting.

Timings will be obtainable at the Club House if ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 72811).

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of admission will be \$10.00 each payable at the Gate. Admission Badges will be issued and they must be prominently displayed throughout the Meeting.

Any person leaving the Enclosure will be required to pay the requisite fee of \$10.00 in order to gain re-admission. MEALS and REFRESHMENTS will be available in the RESTAURANT.

CASH SWEEPS

Through Cash Sweep Tickets at \$18.00 each may be obtained from the Cash Sweep Offices at Prince's Building, Ground Floor (facing Statue Square); 5, D'Aguiar Street and 382, Nathan Road, Kowloon, during office hours.

Tickets reserved and available but not paid for by 10.00 a.m. on Friday, 5th May, 1961, will be sold and the reservation cancelled for future Meetings.

Special Cash Sweep Tickets on the Hong Kong Derby scheduled to be run on 6th May, 1961, at \$2.00 each may be obtained from the Cash Sweep Offices of the Club and the sale of these tickets will close on Friday, 5th May, 1961, as follows:—
Prince's Building (facing Statue Square) at 6.00 p.m.
5, D'Aguiar Street at 6.00 p.m.
King's Road, North Point at 4.00 p.m.
382, Nathan Road, Kowloon at 4.00 p.m.
The office hours of the Cash Sweep Offices of the Club are as follows:—
Prince's Building, Ground Floor (facing Statue Square) and 5, D'Aguiar Street, Hong Kong:—
Mondays to Fridays 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Saturday, 20th April 9 a.m. to 12.00 p.m.
Saturday, 6th May 9 a.m. to 11.00 a.m.
King's Road, North Point, Hong Kong and 382, Nathan Road, Kowloon:—
Mondays to Fridays 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Saturday, 20th April 9 a.m. to 11.45 p.m.
Saturday, 6th May 9 a.m. to 11.00 a.m.

By Order of the Stewards,
A. E. ARNOLD,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 29th April, 1961.

REVOLUTIONARY CHANGES IN DEALING WITH CASES RECOMMENDED

NO 'MASTER MIND' INVOLVED

London, May 4.

Revolutionary changes in the procedure for dealing with cases of doping in British racing is recommended in a report which has been presented to the Stewards of the Jockey Club and the National Hunt Committee.

The report was drawn up by a committee, headed by the Duke of Norfolk, which made an exhaustive investigation into doping.

Its major recommendation is a "new deal" for trainers whose horses are found to have been doped. It also asks for routine tests on winners and the establishment of a research laboratory.

Under the present rules, a trainer automatically loses his licence if it is proved that a horse under his charge has been doped. The committee recommends that this rule should be abolished and replaced by one giving considerable latitude to the Stewards.

Two new rules

The proposed change would bring in two new rules, one to deal with cases in which a horse was doped to make it go faster, and the other in cases of doping to lose.

In the first instance, the committee suggests the licence of the trainer should be withdrawn unless he can establish to the satisfaction of the Stewards that he "used all due diligence to prevent the occurrence" and that the dope was administered without his consent or connivance.

In cases of doping to slow a horse, the report advocates that the trainer's licence should be withdrawn only if it can be established that he administered the drug or was a party to its administration.

The differentiation between the ruling on the two forms of doping is based on the assumption that it is bordering on the ridiculous to suspect a trainer of doping a horse to stop it winning.

The committee recommends that routine samples should be taken from at least two winners a day at race meetings, and that the Stewards should have the right to order a sample from any other horse. No routine tests are conducted at present.

Advocating wider research into doping methods, the report suggests the institution of a laboratory for this purpose. It also proposes that a committee should be formed to assist in the interpretation of evidence at doping inquiries, the membership to be a veterinarian, a chemist and a pharmacologist.

The committee considered there was no support for the theory that there is a "master mind" behind doping in British racing.—China Mail Special.

Ring Magazine names Pender boxer-of-month

New York, May 3. Paul Pender, co-holder of the world middleweight crown with Gene Fullmer, was today named fighter of the month by Ring Magazine for his decisive triumph over Carmen Basila in a title fight.

Pender is recognised as champion of the 160-pound division by New York, Massachusetts and Europe. Fullmer is hailed as champion by the National Boxing Association.—AP.

NOTICE

THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

13th Race Meeting 1960/61

Owners are reminded that Declarations of starters and riders close at the Secretary's Office, Happy Valley, at 10.00 a.m. Friday, 5th May, 1961.

By Order of the Stewards,
A. E. ARNOLD,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 4th May, 1961.

NOTICE

THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

Special Cash Sweep on the HONG KONG DERBY

Saturday, 6th May, 1961

Over 1,350,000 tickets sold to date.

The sale of 'Cash Sweep Tickets on the above will close on Friday, 5th May, 1961, as follows:—
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King's Road, North Point at 5.00 p.m.
King's Road, North Point at 4.00 p.m.
382, Nathan Road, Kowloon, at 4.00 p.m.

The Draw will be held on the 1st floor, Public Enclosure at the Race Course at 11.30 a.m. on Saturday, the 6th May, 1961.

By Order of the Stewards,
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Ambassadors of Football contest

Following are the standings of the Ambassadors of Football contest after yesterday's voting:

SENIOR TEAM		JUNIOR TEAM	
Ho Cheung-yau (SCAA)	308	Chan Kwai-wing (Ta Sui)	220
Wong Mah-wai (Happy Valley)	309	Wong Sze-keung (Wah Yau HK)	416
Lau Kin-chung (SCAA)	270	Chan Yiu-sun (Salem)	301
Wong Chi-keung (SCAA)	263	Chan Pak-ling (Ta Sui)	340
Kung Wah-let (Police)	228	Tse Kam-oh (Salem)	220
Ko Cheung (Tung Wah)	208	Lau Kwok-fun (Sung Ching)	168
Nak Wing-lung (Police)	112	Hung Chi-suen (Ta Sui)	157
Yiu Cheuk-yin (Tung Wah)	109	Chan Yu-wan (Elizabeth)	133
Wong Riu-wo (Happy Valley)	86	Yu Chun-hung (Queen's)	123
Mok Chun-wah (SCAA)	79	Tsang Cheuk-wah (Queen's)	113
Chow Shiu-hung (KMB)	72	Cheung Kwok-hing (Elizabeth)	107

VOTE-COLLECTING VANS

As from tomorrow mobile voting vans will make visits to schools and to public locations to collect votes for the Hong Kong Ambassadors of Football Contest.

The schedule will be:

SCHOOLS
As announced in each individual school.

PUBLIC LOCATIONS
Mondays

Hongkong: Cadogan - street, Kennedy Town (5-7 pm).
Kowloon: King George V Playground, Jordan Road/Canton-road (5-7 pm).

Tuesdays
New Territories: Cheung-shan Playground, Cheung-shan-wan-road (5-7 pm).

Wednesdays
Hongkong: Public Car Park, Connaught-road, Central. (Near

Hongkong: Cadogan - street, Kennedy Town (5-7 pm).
Kowloon: King George V Playground, Jordan Road/Canton-road (5-7 pm).

Thursdays
New Territories: Tsun Wan Playground, Chung On-street (9.30 am); Sun Hut Playground, Castle Peak (11.00 am); Tai Tai Tai Playground, Unlong (1.00 pm); Luen Wo Hut Playground, Fanling (3.00 pm); Golden Palace Theatre, Tai Po (4.30 pm).

Fridays
Hongkong: Kam Wah-street, Shaikwan Tramway Terminal (5-7 pm).
Kowloon: Argyle-street Playground, Junction of Argyle-st & Ma Tau Chung-road (5-7 pm).

Saturdays
New Territories: Shatin, (11.00 am); Wong Tai Sin RA Playground (5-7 pm).

EMPIRE GAMES NEWSLETTER

Australia will invite 41 Commonwealth countries to compete in the VIIIth British Empire and Commonwealth Games, to be staged in Perth, Western Australia during November next year.

If all invitations are accepted there will be a record entry of teams. Withdrawal of South Africa from the Commonwealth has reduced the number of invitations from the expected total of 42. But Cyprus, which was admitted to the Commonwealth during the past month, and Papua-New Guinea, will be invited to send teams for the first time.

Invitations will be issued about November—a year before the opening of the Games.

The Organising Council has decided this time because many countries normally do not reply to invitations until a few weeks before Games actually begin. This occurred before the Olympic Games in Melbourne in 1956—invitations were sent out 25 months before the opening, and again before the Olympic Games in Rome.

Record
The record for competing teams was established at Cardiff in 1958, when 35 teams took part. Five countries that were eligible did not compete. They were Bermuda, Newfoundland, Northern Rhodesia, Southern Rhodesia, and Tanganyika.

Northern and Southern Rhodesia seem certain to be represented in Perth because Salisbury (Southern Rhodesia) has already been invited to the 1960 Games. Their application will have no chance of success if representatives of the country do not compete in Perth.

Teams to be invited to Perth are: Bahamas, Barbados, Bermuda, British Guiana, Canada, Ceylon, Cyprus, Dominica, England, Fiji, Ghana, Gibraltar, Hongkong, India, Isle of Man, Jamaica, Jersey, Kenya, Malaya, Mauritius, Newfoundland, New Zealand, Nigeria, Northern Borneo, Northern Rhodesia, Southern Rhodesia, Pakistan, Papua and New Guinea, Sarawak, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Scotland, St Vincent, Tanganyika, Trinidad and Tobago, Uganda and Wales.

No longer a pioneering effort, the route is traversed daily by many cars and trucks, thus removing the danger of being stranded through breakdown on any section.

Governor is "first host"
Presentation of a gold Commonwealth Games label badge to the Governor of Western Australia, Sir Charles Gairdner, has launched a campaign for 400,000 Citizen Hosts for the Games, to be held in Perth in November next year.

Mr J. Howson, is visiting Melbourne during April for a meeting of the Australian Olympic Federation, and will check whether equipment available is suitable for use in Perth. Equipment needed for the Games is estimated to cost £14,000 and a considerable saving could be made by using the Olympic equipment—if only for training purposes.

Roadwork to aid motorists
The Western Australian Main Roads Commissioner, Mr J. Digby

Lench, has given an assurance that the Eyre Highway—the road link between East and Western Australia—will be put in the best possible condition for the period of the 1962 Commonwealth Games.

He plans to maintain a gang of road workers and grading machines on the highway during the period when traffic to and from the Games will be at its maximum.

Preliminary grading will be done when the July-August rains firmly set the road surface. Grading and patching of loose sections will continue until after the Games when motorists are returning to the Eastern States.

These special efforts to bring the highway to the highest possible standard, and the provision of road service patrols by mechanics, will encourage record numbers of people to cross Australia by car.

Automobile clubs in six Australian States are now planning a system of patrols by mechanics in travelling workshops. These will be placed strategically along the highway's 1,719 miles between Adelaide and Perth.

Few Australians realise that the overland route from Adelaide to Perth is one of the longest highways in the world. It is almost three times the distance from London to Berlin and exceeds by 20 miles the Atlantic air crossing from Cork in Ireland, to St. Johns, in Newfoundland.

Farmers help
Junior Farmers Clubs throughout Western Australia will grow wheat and other cereal crops, sell stock, and hold social functions to raise money for the 1962 Commonwealth Games in Perth next year.

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Hoy wins the Chester Cup

Chester, May 3. Mr C. A. Spencer's Hoy won the Chester Cup, run over two miles two furlongs and 77 yards here today.

Tralawny was second and Aristarchus third.

Sixteen ran.

Official starting prices were: 15-2 Hoy; 100-7 Tralawny, 100-8 Aristarchus.—Reuter.

U.S. baseball results

New York, May 3. Results of baseball matches played in the U.S. today included:

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Los Angeles 11 12 4
Milwaukee 9 13 1
San Francisco 8 10 1
Chicago 4 11 3
Pittsburgh 6 0 0
St. Louis 0 0 4

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Boston 4 8 3
Kansas City 7 10 2
New York 7 12 1
Minnesota 3 6 3
Detroit 6 8 1
Washington 3 11 1
Chicago 2 7 1
Cleveland 3 10 2

(11 innings)
—AP.

ENGLISH CRICKET ROUNDUP

Garfield Sobers scores 103 runs for the MCC

London, May 3.

West Indian Test batsman Garfield Sobers was in tremendous form at Lord's here today, hitting 103 runs for the MCC against Surrey before he was run out.

Sobers and Pakistan Test captain Fazal Mahmood are the first two Lancashire League players to be chosen for the MCC. Mahmood, a medium-pace bowler, was out for a duck.

No play was possible until 1.30, but the MCC batsmen soon made up for lost time and in just over four hours scored 323 runs for the loss of nine wickets before captain Raman Subba Row (Northants and England) declared.

Best bowling feat
Surrey were 75 for two at the close of play. Martin Horton, the Worcestershire all-rounder who took five for 46 in the Australians' first innings on Saturday, was in good form with the bat today, scoring 116 out of his side's total of 188 against Hampshire at Bournemouth.

Closing scores
Close of play scores in today's cricket matches were:
At Chesterfield: Derbyshire versus Australians. No play today, rain.
At Bournemouth: Worcestershire 208 (M. Horton 115), Hampshire three for no wicket. Rain stopped play.

At Oxford: Lancashire 370 for seven declared (A. Bolton 87, G. Pullar 43, J. Beaud 50, K. Greaves 10). Oxford University 89 for three.

At Hove: Sussex 183 (G. Cooper 50), Warwickshire 37 for five. Bad light stopped play.

At Lord's: MCC 323 for nine declared (R. Gale 45, J. Springall 63, Sobers 103, E. Beider five for 110). Surrey 75 for two.

At Gillingham: Somerset 195 (W. Alley 72), Kent 143 for one (I. Priddle 53 not out, R. Wilson 64 not out).

At Canterbury: Yorkshire 279 (J. Bolus 44, B. Close 100, D. Padgett 42, R. Jefferson five for 74). Cambridge University 29 for five.

At Cardiff: Glamorgan 139 (K. Preston six for 24), Essex 137 for four (B. Taylor 41, T. Bailey 41).

At Bristol: Leicestershire 119 (W. Watson 42), Gloucestershire eight for no wicket.—Reuter.

Canada plans big contingent

Canada plans to send a contingent of no fewer than 82 to the Commonwealth Games in Perth, Western Australia, next year.

Games officials in Perth have received this advice from Major John W. Davies, secretary of the British Empire and Commonwealth Games Association of Canada.

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The Canadian contingent was booked to leave Vancouver on November 8, 1962, and should arrive in Perth on November 12, ten days before the opening of the Games.

Accommodation and tickets
Enquiries for accommodation should be addressed to the Commonwealth Games Accommodation Bureau, 772 Hay-street, Perth, Western Australia. Box offices for tickets at Games venues will open not later than July.

Birmingham enter Fairs soccer final
Birmingham, May 3. Birmingham City, the English First Division club, reached the final of the Inter-Cities Fairs football competition tonight when they beat Internazionale (Milan) the Italian club, 2-1 in the second leg of their semi-final here.

Birmingham also won the first leg 2-1 in Milan to go through on a goal aggregate of 4-2. In the final the English club meet the winners of the semi-final replay between Hibernian (Scotland) and Roma (Italy) who drew both their previous ties.—Reuter.



Beginning today: The China Mail's special weekly cricket series BENAUD THROWS DOWN THE GAUNTLET

Now England must accept the brighter-cricket challenge

Australia's captain, Richie Benaud, is a shrewd man as well as a bold and brilliant cricketer. The policy statement he made on landing in England—promising that his side will play attractive cricket no matter what methods are used by the opposition—was a masterpiece.

It was exactly what every cricket-lover hoped to hear at the start of this crucial season for the game. The stock of Benaud and his men is already sky high throughout England.



BENAUD
the challenge is made.

WORLD CUP SOCCER

Scotland beat Eire 4-1

Glasgow, May 3. Scotland beat Eire (Irish Republic) by four goals to one here tonight in a first leg match for the preliminary round of the World Football Cup.

The Scots led 2-0 at half-time. The return match is to be played in Dublin next Sunday. A crowd of 50,000 turned out to watch the match at Hampden Park. Inside left Brand scored twice for Scotland (15th and 49th minutes of play).

Centre-forward Herd also scored twice in the 59th and 87th minutes. The Irish goal was scored by left-winger Haverly in the 52nd minute.—AP.

N. Ireland lose to Greece

Athens, May 3. Greece beat Northern Ireland by two goals to one in their preliminary group match in the World Football Cup Tournament here today.

Greece led 1-0 half-time. Inside-right Pappamanoil scored both goals for Greece—in the 10th and 75th minutes.

Mellroy, Northern Ireland's inside-right, scored North Ireland's goal five minutes before the end.

A crowd of 20,000 watched the match—the first soccer meeting between the two countries. The short crisp passing of the Greeks paid better dividends than the speculative long passes of the Irish team on the hard, bumpy ground.—Reuter.

BARCELONA IN EUROPEAN CUP FINAL

Brussels, May 3. Barcelona beat Hamburg 1-0 in their European Football Cup semi-final replay here today.

The teams had to replay after being 2-2 on goal aggregate after the first two legs of the tie.

The Spanish club will meet either Rapid (Vienna) or Benfica (Portugal) who play the second leg of their semi-final in Vienna tomorrow. Benfica won the first leg 3-0.—Reuter.

UK soccer results

London, May 3. Results of today's soccer matches in Britain were:
WORLD CUP
Qualifying round—first leg
Scotland 4 Eire 1
INTER-CITIES FAIRS CUP
Semi-final—second leg
Birmingham C. 2 International 1 (Millers)
ENGLISH LEAGUE
Division II
Stoke City 2 Liverpool 1
Division III
Derby 4 Shrewsbury 2
Division IV
Gillingham 0 Mansfield 0.—Reuter.



Peter May, after more than a year out of the game through illness, has to play himself back into the side before he can be assured of his job back. And Colin, who has always insisted that he has been merely the caretaker captain in May's absence, has to wait to see how Peter makes out.

An even bet

I am perfectly certain in my own mind that May will be back, strong and fit and refreshed and probably as good as ever. His team-colleagues, in fact, tell me he looks even better and his ball harder than before he was ill.

As is usual, whenever an Australian team arrives here to put new life into cricket, everybody is trying to peer into the crystal ball to predict the outcome of the series.

Burning message

Another factor will be how effectively Benaud's spin will be on England's slower wickets. Until the pattern of these things emerges, I think we should leave the issue an even bet—as it looks on paper.

But always remember that Australia hasn't lost a single match to England yet. And that at least one, maybe two, of their relatively untired youngsters will almost certainly rise to the occasion.

To me this has the feeling of a great season. Throughout the game there is a genuine feeling that players have got to get out there and entertain the crowds with attacking cricket.

It was proved last winter in Australia that it could be done at the highest level. Now we have Benaud, straight from the Sydney scene, as the Messiah, with the burning message.

But I give due warning—Benaud and his men are not here just to save England's cricket. They are here to win Test matches.

England has to save her own cricket. The new approach, the new spirit of attacking adventure, has to fire every county side as well as England. It must not be left to the Australians alone.

Gary Player reported to have been offered a screen test

New York, May 3. Gary Player, the South African sensation of the U.S. golf season, plans to take a screen test after the Tournament of Champions this week in Las Vegas, Nevada, Sports Illustrated magazine said today.

"Hollywood producer Hal Wallis, who played a round with Player in Palm Springs last winter, was so impressed with his public presence that he made a date to give Player a screen test at Paramount next week," the nationally circulated sports magazine said.

Has looks

Wallis was reported to have said Gary has looks, flair and strong, colourful personality. I think he might make an actor.

"He was finding the public adulation a heavy added burden to carry in his golf bag. But there is much in the Player background to suggest that his case of nerves is only transitory."

The magazine also went into Player's attitude toward apartheid, his present financial situation and his wife, who it said "certainly rates among the more comely of the golfing wives."

It said Player is largely non-political but quotes him as saying on the race question in South Africa:

"With the white people in our country in such a minority, you couldn't very well give the blacks complete freedom and power. All you have to do is look at the trouble in the Congo to realise it wouldn't be very long before the blacks would chop off all our heads."—AP.

This will definitely be a 'make or break' season for English cricket

London, May 3. England's cricketers started their new season on Saturday faced with the fact that unless they provide entertaining cricket this summer, and recapture lost crowds, the whole structure of the game may have to be changed.

This is definitely a "make or break" season for English cricket. No scare story this—the stark facts speak for themselves.

Last summer all 17 counties had smaller attendances than in 1959, and all except two sustained a heavy loss, with Glamorgan (£20,000), Derbyshire (£11,000) and Surrey (£10,750) among the worst hit.

Somerset currently have a £7,000 overdraft, and at least two of the counties may be competing in the championship for the last time under its present basis.

Since the 1947 post-war boom of some three million spectators, there has been a steady decline in attendances at cricket matches. In 1959 the paying attendance at county games—exclusive of members—was 1,046,104, a decrease of 323,560 on 1958's figures.

Various explanations have been put forward as to why people do not watch cricket in the space age. They include the lure of television, and the country's general prosperity, enabling people to develop other interests, chief among them perhaps private motoring.

But there have always been signs that the public will flock to cricket provided it is entertaining, and herein lies the crux to the problem.

Too much cricket in England during the last decade has not been worth watching, and the apathy on the field has been reflected by empty stands.

Towards the end of the 1930s average of between 22-24 overs per hour could be expected in England. The figure had slumped to 18 overs per hour by 1957 and has shown little improvement since.

In other words pre-war crowds could expect to see at least 24-26 more overs a day with possibly 100 more runs on the scoreboard.

Conversely spectators nowadays are being deprived of an hour's play each day while batsmen fail to attempt strokes and bowlers aim to keep runs rather than secure wickets. The players have lost their spirit of adventure.

Crisis point
Now the crisis point has been reached though few will doubt it will be overcome.

Already the county captains at their pre-season meeting have pledged themselves to speed up the tempo of the game, providing "drastic action" against those not attempting brighter cricket.

Mr. Frank Sibbles, chairman of Lancashire's selection committee, summed up the position when he told his players: "Be bold. Regard yourselves as public entertainers and play attractive cricket."

Two new rules are being tried this year in English County Cricket—so often the testing ground for laws that later become accepted throughout the world.

Firstly the new ball can only be taken after 80 overs, instead of after 75 overs or 200 runs. This is a further effort to encourage the almost extinct tribe

I know that many captains have given to the old line that "we will play attractive cricket." But I can't remember one throwing down the gauntlet so daringly before and adding "regardless of the tactics of the opposition."

That must have gone through the hide of every English county captain like the jab of a hypodermic needle. And especially because Benaud has just emerged from one of the greatest Test series of all time and they know he means to out-hate practice every word of his challenge.

No slogging

But I don't think we should become too starry-eyed or get the wrong impression. I have known Richie Benaud for a long time and I admire his dedication to this great game of ours.

He is a serious young man and you can throw straight out of the window any idea that he plans to play what we in York-

shire call "wind and water" cricket. Benaud is not planning to stage a slogline match. Australia v England Tests have never degenerated to that level and I hope they never will.

Throughout the long history of cricket, these series have been recognised as the ultimate in Test match standards. I am certain that Benaud and his lively-looking side will not allow these standards to be lowered.

What the Australian captain is determined to do is to cut out the dawdling of recent big cricket. He will insist that his men play their strokes, and he will be prepared to risk defeat in a flat-out effort to achieve as many wins as possible.

But I am perfectly certain that if the circumstances of any Test demand a repeat of that famous backs-to-the-wall, match-saving stand of Willie Watson and Trevor Bailey at Leeds in 1953, either side will try to find the men for the job.

Do or die

On that dramatic occasion, you will remember, with an hour of the fourth day, and all the fifth to play, England were set 343 to win.

But Lindwall struck two shattering blows to our openers Kenyon and Hutton, and Johnston accounted for Graveney. At the end of that fourth day, England were left withing at three for 12 and victory for Australia, probably

before lunch on the final day, seemed certain.

But it didn't work out that way. Compton stayed for an hour-and-a-half on that dramatic last day. Watson stretched his over-all defence to 534 hours. Bailey held on through mounting tension for over four hours, and England eventually saved the match with three wickets to spare.

Nobody could say it was "fright" or "attractive" cricket in the accepted sense. It was the other side of the cricket coin—dramatic, tense, full of rich, vibrant character.

As I have said, I am sure the Benaud plan does not mean the elimination of such situations.

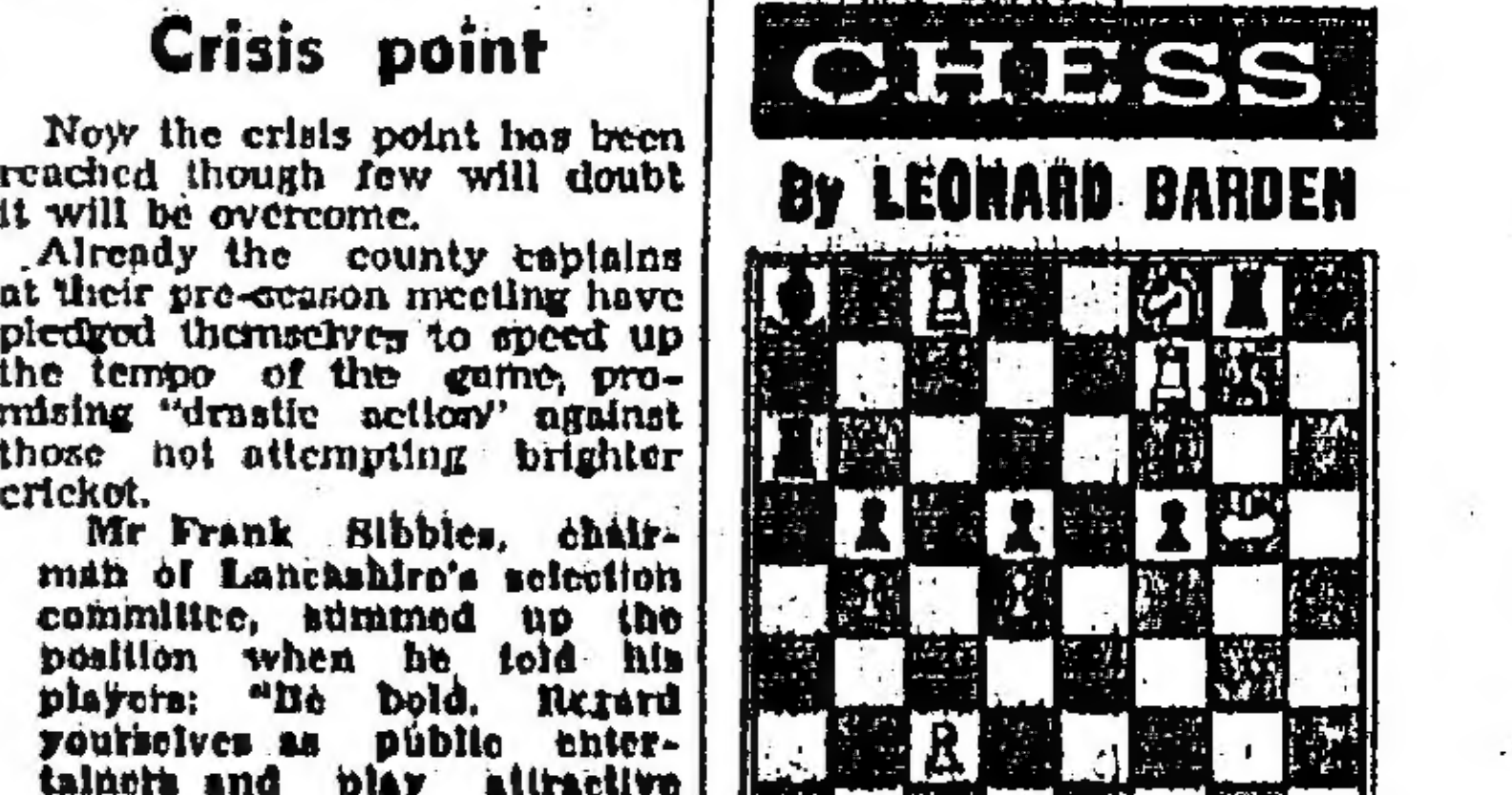
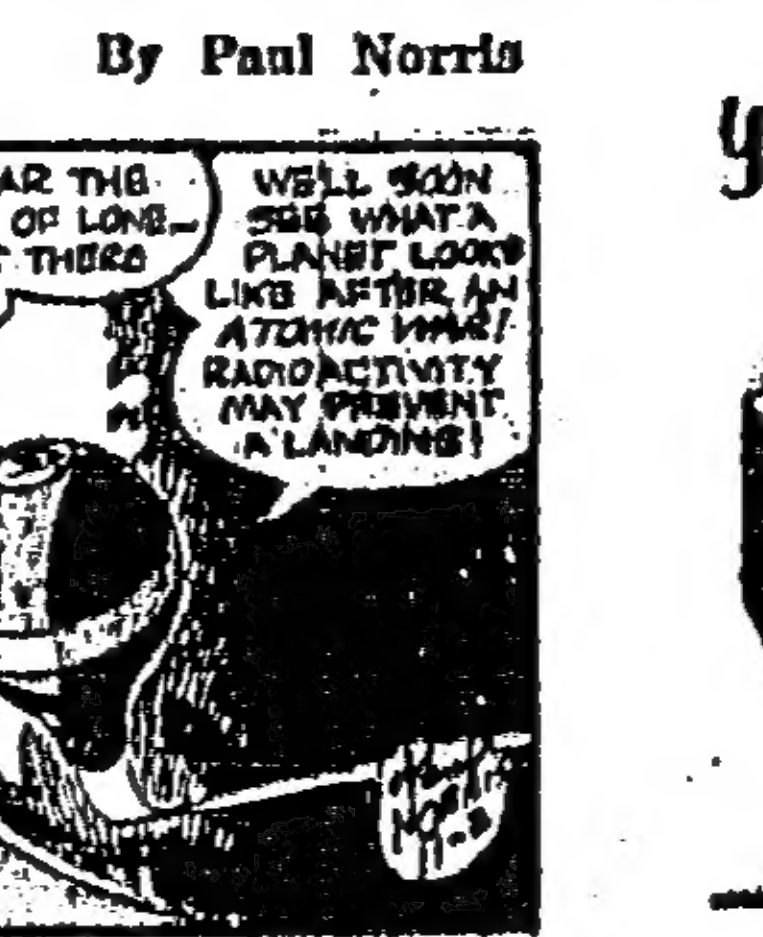
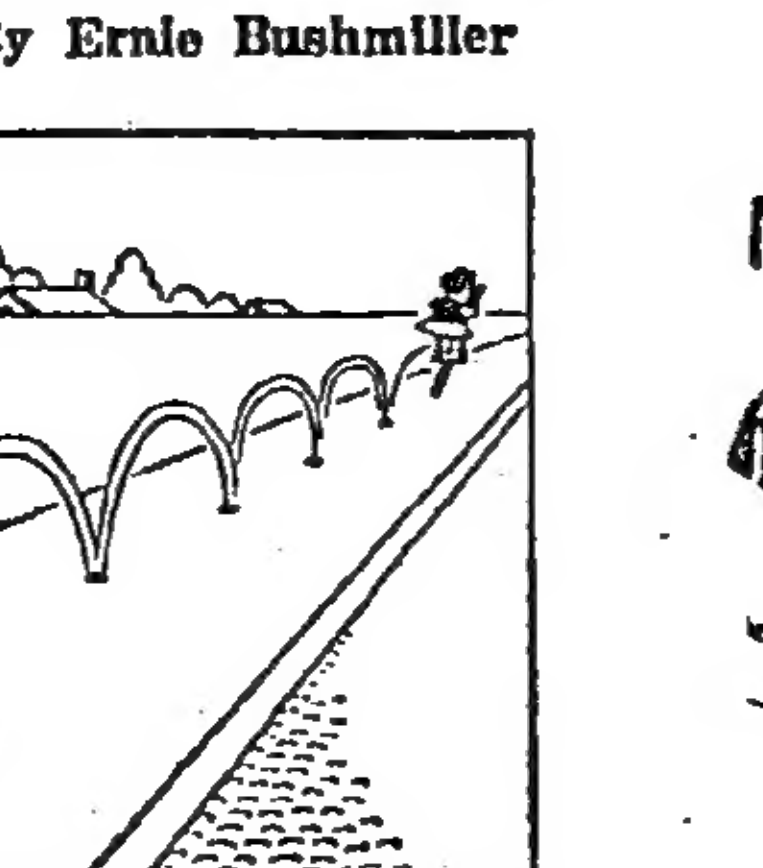
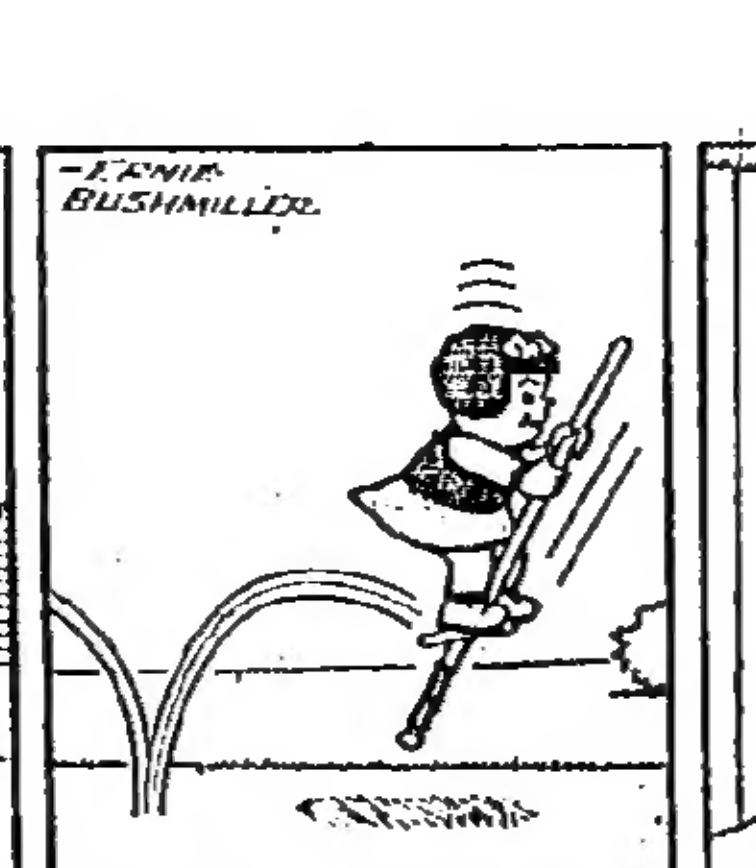
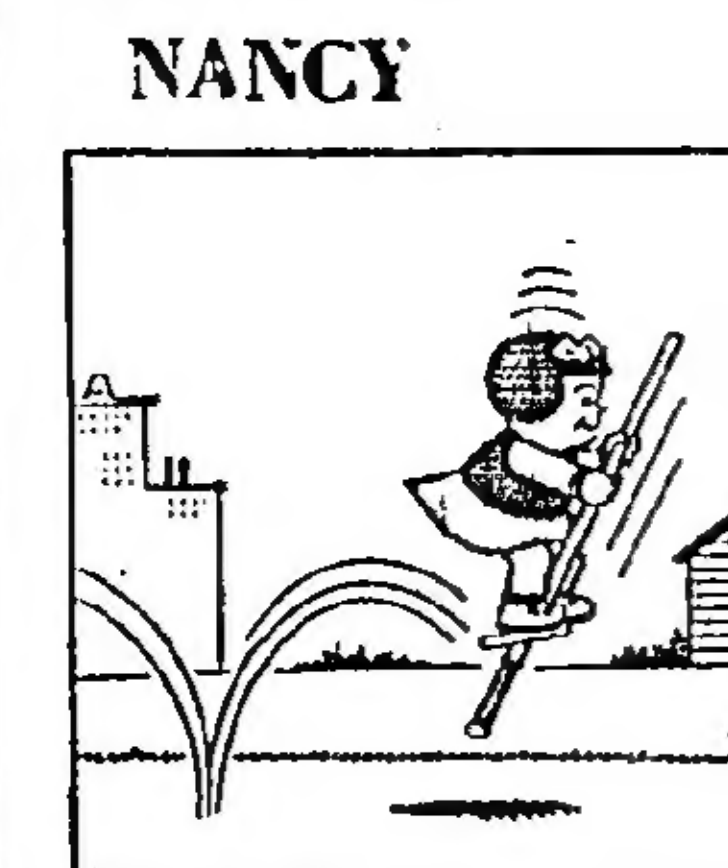
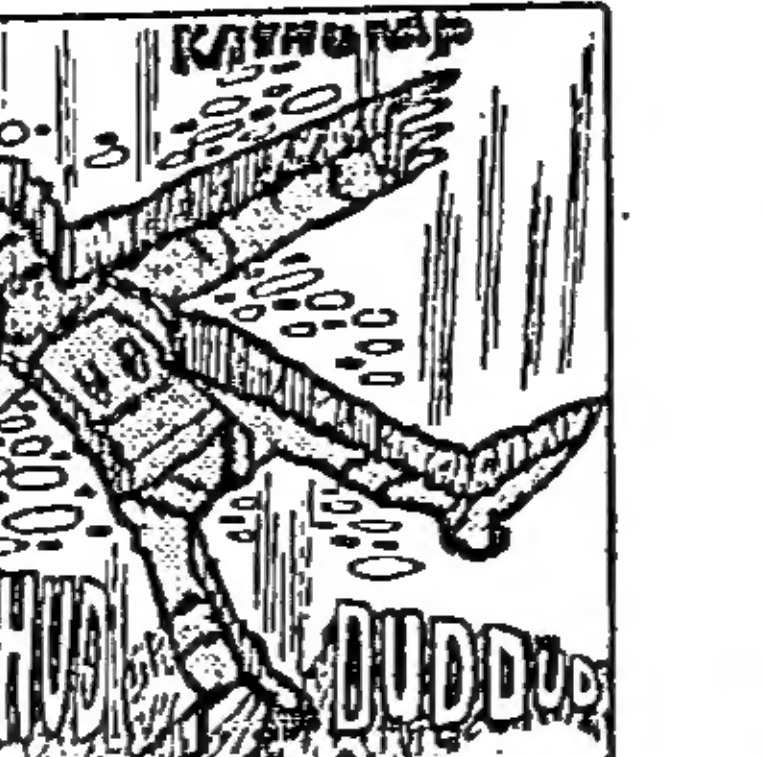
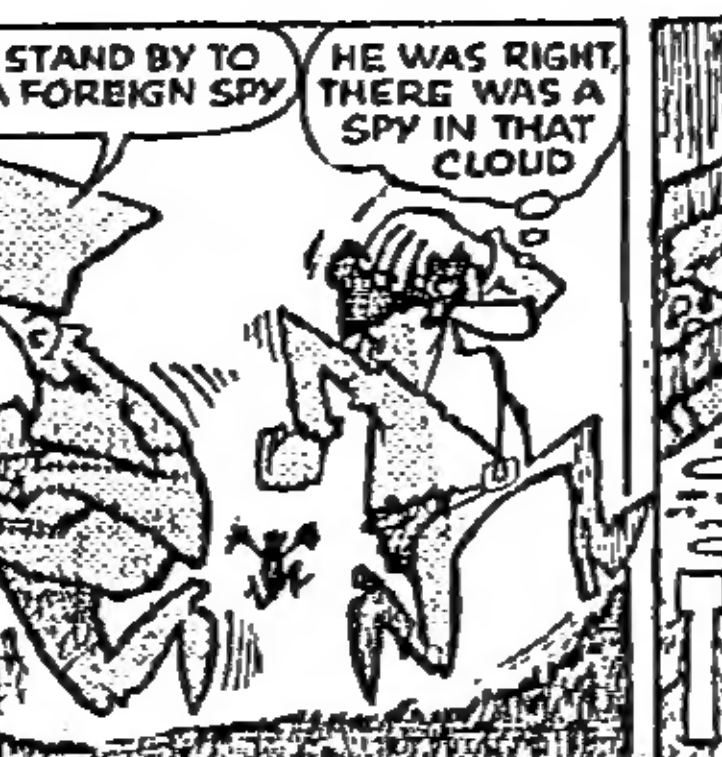
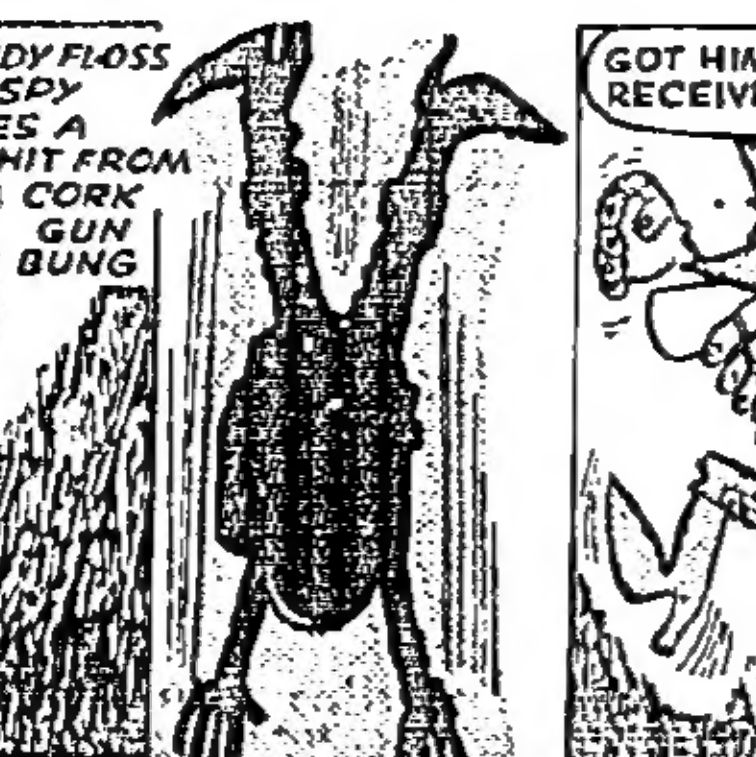
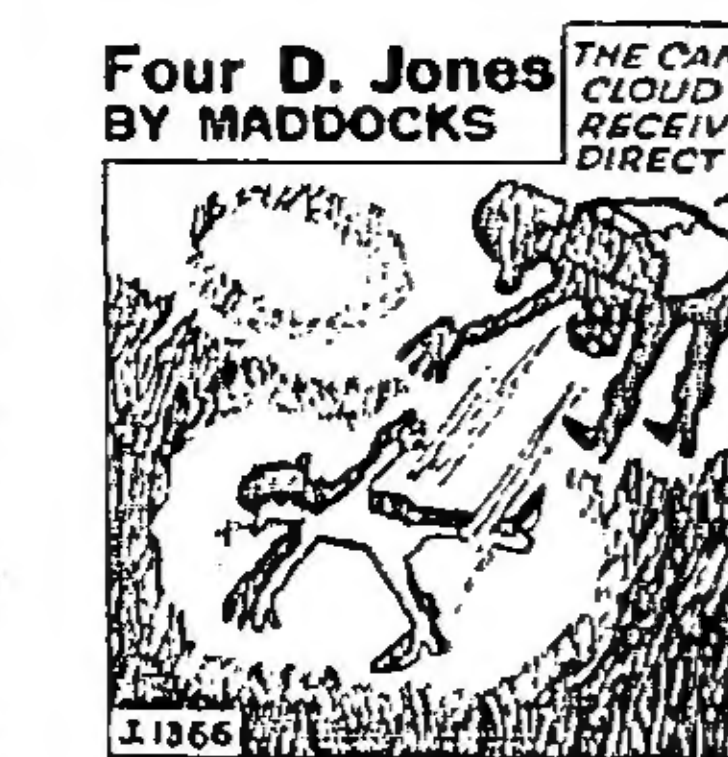
Answer will come

The one disappointing feature of this first week of the new English season has been the absence of an England captain's voice giving a bold, straightforward acceptance of Benaud's challenge.

I am certain it will come eventually, but I feel that somebody—the President of MCC or maybe the Chairman of the Selectors—should have publicly welcomed and accepted the Benaud challenge.

Many of you might be thinking that Peter May or Colin Cowdrey should have been the men to do it. The difficulty there is that neither has yet been appointed as captain of England for this series. They have no authority to speak up.

Sports Diary
TODAY
Tennis
Men's "D" Division, Section 1: KTGCA (1) v SCAA, Urban S. v Stanley, KTGCA (2) v CRC (2).
Section 2: CCC v PNC, CRC (1) v KCC, RAF v LRC.
Mixed "B" Division: Urban S. v CCC, CRC v KCC.
Cricket
Interport team practice at KCC, 5 pm.



Here is a position from actual play: White to move and win.
Solution No. 222: 1. R-Q6 (castling), K-B1; 2. R-P4, or 1... P-P3, 2. R-Q7, or 1... R-Q4, 2. R-R8. Not 1... R-R4, 2. R-R1; for 1 R-Q7, K-B1. London Express Service.

Habitual pickpocket goes back to jail

A 28-year-old man, who has spent the last 12 years in and out of prison, returned for another 18 months spell today after Judge B. J. Jennings sentenced him at the Victoria District Court this morning for picking a pocket.

Chan Hon-chuen, unemployed, who said he had not been a free man for more than two months since he was 16, pleaded guilty to taking a dollar from the pocket of another man, Chan Heung.

Chief Inspector W. P. Apps, prosecuting, said that on April 21, two detectives were on special pickpocket duty in Central District.

When they were patrolling Jubilee-street, they noticed the defendant walking suspiciously up and down the street.

They kept watch on him and later saw him approach the complainant and take a dollar from his shirt pocket. He was arrested on the spot.

In Court, this morning defendant asked for a chance.

"Even though I would like to give you a chance, I must also protect the public from habitual pickpockets like you who prey on them," Judge Jennings said.

Defendant had 21 previous convictions. Eight were for picking pockets.

Two years

Another man, Tam Sui-lun, 40, was sentenced to two years' jail by Judge Jennings this morning for taking a Royal Hongkong Jockey Club cash sweep from a man's pocket.

Defendant was arrested on April 18, at Jubilee-street, by the two detectives who arrested the defendant in the previous case.

Tam, who pleaded guilty, had 24 previous convictions which dated back to 1938. Many of them were for picking pockets.

The two detectives, Corporal Chik Tsang and Detective Constable Lau Lai-ching, were commended by Judge Jennings for their good work and alertness in bringing the defendants to justice.

'OLD WOMAN WHO LIVED IN A SHOE' WILL BE A FEATURE OF THE MAY FAIR

A model shoe, about six feet high, will be a novel feature at the YWCA May Fair to be held on Saturday, May 13, at YWCA Headquarters, 1 Macdonnell-road.

Made by the Boys and Girls Clubs' Association, the shoe will house an Old Woman with surprise packages for all comers.

The Birthday Gift Stall will feature a maypole and the May festivities will be

Bank checked up on forged cheques NO HONEYMOON FOR THE CLERK WHO HAD A FLING

ON SOMEONE ELSE'S MONEY

There will be no honeymoon yet for 22-year-old clerk Lee Kang-tong.

For today the young man who was soon to be married, went to jail for 18 months after admitting that he had obtained \$8,300 by stealing and forging cheques, and spent it backing race horses, holding a dinner party and buying things for his wedding.

He also gave some money to rendered help to the police in admitting the offences and in recovering part of the money and properties.

Mr. R. K. Bryson of Johnson, Stokes and Master, appeared for the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corp. in connection with the question of restitution.

Det-Insp R. B. Bayless told the court that Lee was employed by the Rating and Valuation Department in Man Yee building as clerk.

The complainant, Mr. V. Berger, used to keep his cheque book in an unlocked drawer in his office.

On Tuesday, Insp Bayless added, as a result of a telephone call, Mr. Berger went to the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank where he was shown several cheques.

LENIENCY

Mr. Berger found that the signature on the cheques was not his and that he had sent no one to cash them.

A report was then made to the police. Enquiries revealed that Lee had stolen the cheques and forged them.

Lee later admitted to the police that he had disposed of part of the money in horse racing, inviting friends to dinner and buying things for his wedding.

Insp Bayless said that Lee had helped the police in recovering part of what he had bought and some cash amounting to \$3,643.40.

Mr. Peter Wong of Wong and Co. asked for leniency on Lee's behalf saying that he had

Queen's Pier farewell

Mr. A. G. Parker, the retiring Director of Marine, will be leaving the Colony by the mv Hannover which sails early tomorrow morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Parker will be at Queen's Pier at 5.15 pm this afternoon to say goodbye to friends.

Passing out

The Assistant Commissioner of Police, Hongkong island, Mr. C. P. Sutcliffe, will take the salute at a passing out parade of a squad of 27 Cantonese recruit constables to be held at the Police Training School in Aberdeen on Saturday morning.

entertainments including a Chinese Lion dance and shadow boxing from 3.30 onwards.

The White Elephant, Bottle Still, International Food Stall, potted plants, book stall, snack and refreshment bars will be stocked with attractive produce.

Gifts from YWCA members all over the world have been received in addition to contributions from local business houses and the community.

BIG DROP IN HUMIDITY

Cool change reaches Colony

Hongkong experienced the lowest relative humidity this month when it fell to 27 per cent at 11 o'clock this morning.

The drastic fall from the 76 per cent recorded yesterday, was caused by a cold surge which passed through Hongkong about 7 pm bringing cooler and drier air from the north.

The new low this month "is by no means a record for May," said a spokesman for the Royal Observatory. "The lowest ever recorded was 23 per cent."

The temperature also fell from a maximum of 84.7 degrees F yesterday afternoon to 73 degrees early this morning.

"We often have such a spell early in May," he added.

"The weather situation at the moment is such that this fine spell may be occurring again this month."

The man the Japanese sentenced to death leaves on retirement

Mr H. S. Kinghorn, Director of Urban Services, today paid tribute to the retiring Commandant of the Hawker Control Force, Mr V. M. Morrison.

He was speaking at the Urban Police work, it was very important.

Acknowledging gifts of a carved ivory ball, pipes and tobacco, Mr Morrison said he had also received a model of the Hawker Control Force.

Mr Kinghorn recalled that Mr Morrison joined the Police in 1937. He had been imprisoned in Stanley during the occupation. He had escaped and got as far as Shaukiwan before being recaptured.

He was sentenced to death by the Japanese, but the sentence was later reduced and he served two years with three months' solitary confinement.

Mr Morrison was promoted to Assistant Superintendent of Police in August, 1949, and to Superintendent in 1952. He was serving during a difficult period of fires, house collapses, labour troubles and a riot and later during the closure of the Naval Dockyard in 1958-59.

"I can speak from personal experience of that last period," Mr Kinghorn said "and have reason to be grateful to him for his work."

Referring to his appointment as first Commandant of the Hawker Control Force, Mr Kinghorn said that the foundations he had laid were sound and although not so exciting as

Says accused was forced to confess

A detective this morning denied a defence allegation that a man accused of murder had been forced to kneel in front of an idol in a police station, told to light three joss sticks and confess before Kwan Ti, the "Warrior God."

"I did not see anything like that happen," said detective police constable Tse Chung, in reply to a question from defence counsel Mr A. H. Safford.

Neither did he hear the accused Tsui Cheung-kan, a carpenter, repeatedly say "I did not do it," or see anybody strike him at the back of the neck with a torch, the detective said.

The detective was testifying at the Criminal Sessions this morning in the trial of two men, Tsui Cheung-kan, 22, a carpenter, and Kong Ping-lam, 19, student, accused of shooting to death 61-year-old Hu Yan-lam on December 31 in a Kowloon grocery store.

He told the court how a police party went to an unnumbered hut in Fanling on the afternoon of New Year's Day and arrested the carpenter.

The trial, being heard before Mr Justice R. H. Mills-Owens and a jury of six men and a woman, is continuing.

\$500 theft

A diamond ring, a gold necklace and a gold finger ring valued at over \$500 was reported stolen from 5 Kimberley new-street, Ground Floor, between 9.45 am and 11.20 am yesterday.

Gamblers' quarrel ends in stabbing

A Lamma Island laundry shop proprietor was bound over in the sum of \$200 for two years by Mr E. Corbally at Central Court this morning. He pleaded guilty to a charge of unlawful and malicious wounding.

The court was told that on the afternoon of April 15, Yuen Tin and a friend, while on a tour of Lamma Island, took part in a game of street-gambling.

There were accusations by some of the gamblers that Yuen was cheating. This resulted in a quarrel which subsequently developed into a fight.

RAN AWAY

The defendant, who was a clansman of the gamblers also took part in the fight during which he used a knife to stab Yuen in the back. He then ran away.

Defendant claimed that he saw Yuen holding a chopper and was afraid that he might use it on him. Defendant's clansman had already paid Yuen \$100 compensation for his damaged suit.

Defendant, who had one previous conviction for larceny, was represented by F. Chaine of Messrs Edmund Cheung and Ching.

\$1,500 FINE

Albert Wu, alias Ng Ah-tak, 43, of "Q" Block Maylum Apartment, first floor, Shu Kuk-street, was fined \$1,500 by Mr T. L. Yang at Causeway Bay Court this morning for selling or supplying alcoholic liquor without an authorised permit.

At the same time, Yeung Chuen-shing, 40, of Flat F Golden Horse Mansion, eighth floor, King's-road was fined \$900 for aiding and abetting Wu.

The two had pleaded not guilty.

They were arrested in the early hours of March 19 following a police raid on a flat at "Q" Block of Maylum Apartment.

Mr D. Remedios, Crown Counsel prosecuted.

Grandma got her purse back

A determined grandmother chased after an old offender who had snatched her purse containing \$200 and a gold bracelet valued at \$100, a magistrate was told this morning.

Police told Mr T. C. Chan, sitting at North Kowloon Magistracy, that 35-year-old Chau Kam-tuen, had approached the old woman from behind and snatched the purse while she was walking with her grandson on her back at Kilong-street on Tuesday morning.

Grandmother Luk Nam immediately put down her grandson and gave chase, at the same time shouting for help. She ran for a while until she came across the snatcher in the hands of two detectives.

PURSE FOUND

Police, who found the purse in defendant's pocket, also discovered later that he had 11 previous convictions for larceny, triad membership and drug offences.

Defendant admitted the offence and the magistrate jailed him for nine months and ordered that he be placed under police supervision for one year after his release.

The grandmother got back her purse.

MAY BUY HK ELECTRICAL GOODS

A West German businessman expressed interest in Hongkong-manufactured electrical goods shortly before leaving to continue a six-week business tour of the Far East.

He was Mr Siegfried Morgenstern, managing partner of Elmorco of Munich, who are wholesale importers and exporters of electrical appliances.

He left by Swire for Bangkok. During his four days here, Mr Morgenstern said he had held talks with local manufacturers and was interested in importing certain articles, "if the price is right."

"While I was in Japan I signed two contracts worth a total of almost US\$300,000. But these Japanese, with their much larger factories, can produce cheaper than Hongkong," he added.

"And they are always changing their designs and models," he said. "This is the only way we can sell new models attract people just as new cars do. My main interest in Japan was radios, but while I was in Hongkong I looked at flashlights, fittings and other smaller articles," he added.

From the Files

25 years AGO

May 1936

His Excellency the Governor, Sir Andrew Caldecott, attended the launching of a ship for the first time in his career yesterday when he christened the Man Gok, latest addition to the fleet of the Hongkong and Yau-mat Ferry Company.

The Governor performed the naming ceremony and then cut the cord which released the ship. It was only the second time on record that a ship had been christened by a man in Hongkong — an event which has happened only on rare occasions anywhere in the world.

The Man Gok, Mr Stanley Dodwell told the gathering, was a vehicular ferry wide enough for only two rows of vehicles instead of three, but more space for their third class passengers.

He congratulated Mr Lau Tak-po for the efficient way in which the service was operated.

MEASURES for the safeguarding of Hongkong in the event of a gas raid are being gradually developed by the Local Air Raid Precautions Committee appointed for the purpose.

One of the most vital parts of the Committee's plans provides for the selection throughout the Colony of suitable buildings where people engaged in maintaining essential services — such as electrical lighting, waterworks, transportation, gasworks, telephones — will be safe from gas and bombs.

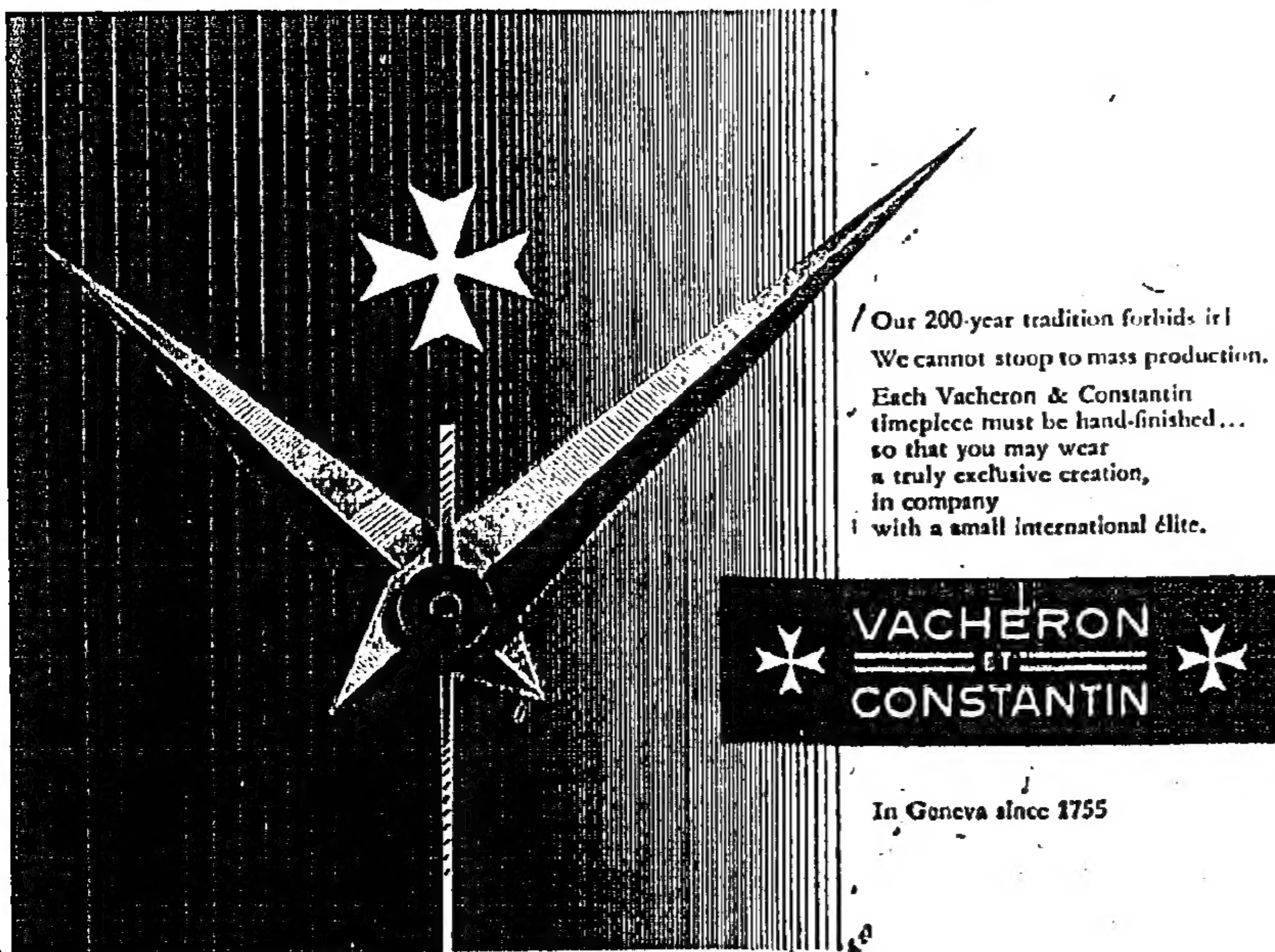
It is disclosed that efforts are being made by the committee to ensure that.

One of the greatest problems facing the Air Raids Precautions Committee is that of safeguarding food and water upon which must have a most serious effect.

The problem is being tackled by the Committee and it is expected that a solution will soon be found.

The death is announced of Field Marshal Viscount Allenby of Megiddo. No further details have been received but Viscount Allenby was installed as Rector of Edinburgh University and then gave a vigorous address urging the necessity of peace and good fellowship among nations.

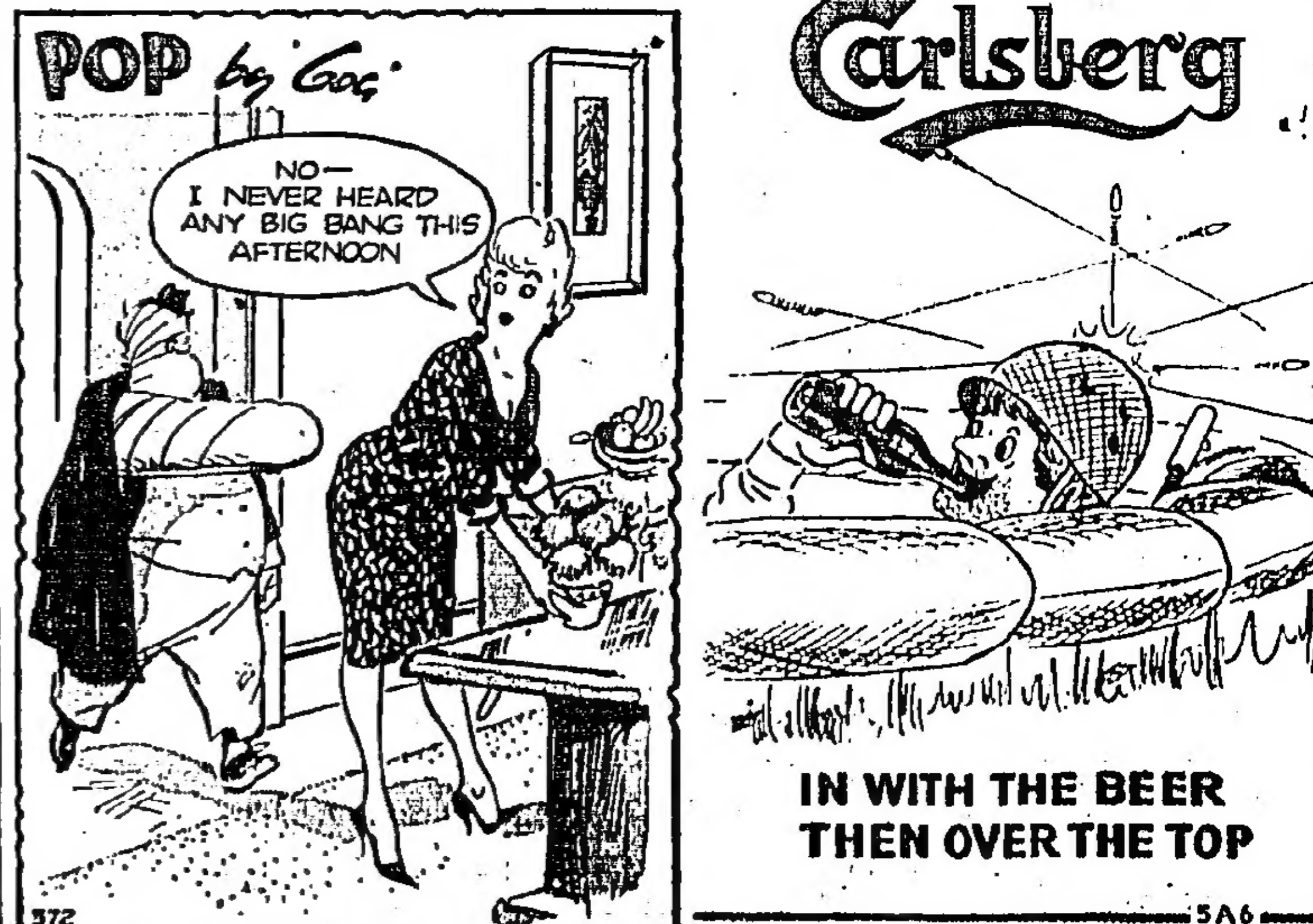
Viscount Allenby advocated the formation of a World Police Force much along the lines of the international army suggested in the late M. Aristide Briand's plan for a United States of Europe.



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